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A MIX UP IN THE SIGNALS

...S THE ERIE AT JAMESTOWN, N. Y., RESULTS IN A DISASTROUS WRECK.

...N WHICH EIGHT ARE KILLED

...ad Ten Are Badly Injured—Wreck Takes Fire and Bodies are Burned Beyond Recognition.

... N. Y., April 20—A ... broke on a westbound freight ... railroad at Red House at ... siding just as the train was ... main track. ... could be stopped the New ... Chicago Limited eastbound ... the freight and the pas... combination baggage ... car, day coach and two ... the track. ... caught fire immediately ... were quickly burned. ... Hotchkiss was killed. ... and a child who boarded ... Youngstown, O., were ... death and the bodies of two ... taken from the wreck ... recognition. Six more ... injured passengers ... were taken to Salaman...

Dead Number Eight.

...mber of dead in the Erie ...ay is eight. Ten persons ...ed, three of them seriously. ... body, that of Brakeman ... has been identified, the oth... burned beyond recognition. ...injured are:

...ssitter, New York, badly bruised ... Mesick, Chicago, back badly ...

... St. Sel, Brooklyn, shocked and ...ck.

... Clemdinger, mail clerk, Gerry, ...ibs fractured, body bruised.

... Drougouan, Duluth, bruised ...body cut.

... Foote, aged 80 years, St. Paul, ...and shocked.

... A. Cooke, porter, Somerville, N. J.

... C. Gubler, express messenger, ... Ohio, leg cut off, probably ...injured.

... T. Bell, fireman, head and back ...ed.

The wrecked passenger train was ... from Chicago to New York. ... derailed by striking a freight ... which was taking a siding at ... House. The wreck at once took ... and the combination car, two day ... and two sleepers together with ... freight cars were consumed.

Dispute As to Cause.

... is some dispute as to the cause ... wreck. The passenger train ... running east and the freight west. ... freight had trouble entering the ... and the foremost engine of the ... freight was sent in along the siding ... the flagman to hold the express, ... alleged the operator in the tow... Lawrence Vale, a boy 17 years old, ... the light engine of the freight and ... that the freight was on the siding ... of it. Vale then displayed a ... toward the passenger train, in... ...ng to the engineer he had a clear ...

The engineer of the passenger train ... to see the flagman sent out from ... toward engine of the freight and ... the clearance signal from the ... The train ran toward the ... of the siding at high speed and ... with the second engine of the ... just as it was about to clear ... line. The passenger engine ... some coaches crashed into a small ... structure. The first half doz... cars of the freight were wrecked. ... but three of the cars of the ex... followed the engine and the ... mass of wreckage was soon in ... The tracks were strewn for ... with burning wood and coal and ... of twisted iron. The passen... train was one of the fast trains of the Erie.

COL. WM. R. ARTHUR DEAD

Was Formerly President of the Illinois Central and an Engineer of Ability.

PASSED LAST DAYS AT URBANA.

Chicago, April 20—Col. William R. Arthur, formerly president of the Illinois Central, died today on his farm near Urbana, Ill., aged 82. He was a pioneer of great ability. It was under his direction the Marietta and Cincinnati road was built. Immediately after the construction of that line Arthur was elected president and general manager of the Illinois Central, holding the position from 1858 to 1865. In 1870 he became general manager of the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern railroad, holding that position four years. Then he became commissioner for all the railroads south of the Ohio River, with headquarters at St. Louis. In 1884 he purchased a 1,000 acre farm near Urbana, where his old age was spent in leisure and quiet. The remains will be taken to Hillsboro, Ohio, where he was born. President Fish of the Illinois Central has sent his private car to convey the funeral party to Ohio.

ROUGH RIDER KILLED.

By F. J. Keefe of The Commercial House at Rawlins, Wyoming.

Rawlins, Wyoming, April 20—F. J. Keefe, head of the Keefe Commercial House and ex-city treasurer, shot and killed Thomas King and Policeman Baxter tonight and escaped. Sheriff Marion and a posse are in pursuit. Policeman Baxter and Spencer had gone to his place of business to arrest Keefe for being disorderly. Keefe appeared at the door with a gun and began shooting. Baxter was shot through the stomach and King, who was passing, fell, shot through the heart. King was a lieutenant in Torrey's Rough Riders during the Spanish-American war.



WHEN HE ASKS THOSE QUESTIONS.



WHERE WILL HE LI GHT, IF AT ALL?

CARLOCK DIES OF CHOLERA

Valued Member of the Judiciary Succumbs to the Dreaded Disease at Cebu.

LIVED IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Manila, April 20.—Judge Carlock of the court of the first instance, is dead at Cebu of cholera. He contracted the disease in Bohol. The deceased was a native of Illinois and a valued member of the judiciary.

The epidemic of cholera is practically over, there being but a few cases in the Southern islands.

DIED IN PHILIPPINES.

Judge Carlock Was Formerly a Resident of Central Illinois.

Bloomington, Ills., April 20.—A cable message received today announces the sudden death at Manila of Judge Advocate Lyman P. Carlock, who was appointed to the Philippines a year ago by President Roosevelt. Judge Carlock spent most of his life in central Illinois.

SUE ELKINS FOR FEES.

Lawyers Claim He Has Failed to Pay Them $500,000.

Washington, April 20. — Senator Stephen B. Elkins, West Virginia, is defendant in the suit for $500,000 filed today in the district supreme court by Robert Burton and George A. Dubruell. They allege they were employed by Elkins to furnish him certain information regarding the Western Maryland railroad for which they say he agreed to pay them. They furnished the desired information upon which they allege Elkins made big profits, but has neglected to pay them their fees.

WILL APPEAL TO MITCHELL.

Pana Miners Fail to Get a Hearing From Operators.

Springfield, Ill., April 20.—At Pana today the operators of the ninth subdistrict refused to discuss differences with the miners except in the local unions. A committee was appointed by the miners to present the matter to President Mitchell. Three previous efforts to settle the differences failed.

MILES AND OTHER OFFICERS.

At Pensacola, Fla., to Examine Wadsworth System of Control.

Pensacola, Fla., April 20.—Lieutenant-General Nelson Miles, General Wallace Randolph and twelve other army officers arrived here today to inspect the testing of the new Wadsworth system of fire control, which has been instituted at Fort Pickens. The new system is expected to revolutionize the firing and aiming of coast defense guns if it proves practicable.

CONFESSES A MURDER.

W. R. Clifton Tells Where Bodies Are Buried.

Gillette, Wyo., April 20.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Church, a ranchman and wife whose murder, W. C. Clifton, who is now in jail at New Castle, has confessed, were found today two and a half miles from their ranch, buried three feet deep. The searching party had been directed to the spot by Clifton in his confession. Threats of lynching Clifton are made.

Life Insurance Decision.

St. Louis, April 20—The United States circuit court of appeals, in deciding the case of the appeal of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company against Caroline Roth, who in the lower federal court obtained a verdict of $10,000, declared the law of 1873 is applicable only to the old line companies and not to term policies. The case was reserved and remanded.

Open the Bids.

Washington, April 20.—Bids were opened today for the $3,000,000 certificates of Philippine indebtedness. The best bid was by Fish & Robinson at —102.513. The certificates were over—subscribed eight times. The premium on the best bid will be about $75,000.

The Gong Saved Him.

Philadelphia, April 20—Harry Forbes the bantam champion had the better of a six round bout with Tommy Love of this city tonight. Just before the gong sounded in the sixth round Forbes landed on Love's jaw and sent him reeling to the ropes. The gong saved him.

Sentenced for One Year.

Coshocton, Ohio, April 20—Charles Platt, twice postmaster of Plainfield under Cleveland and fifteen years treasurer of Linton township, was today sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and fined $7,952 for embezzling funds.

Fredericktown, Mo., April 20.—A tornado passed over this section yesterday, nearly destroying White Springs, a summer resort. Seventeen of thirty houses were wrecked, including a large hotel. No fatalities reported.

COURT WAS LIKELY CRAZY

OR THE JUDGES WILL THINK SO WHEN THEY GET THROUGH READING EXCEPTIONS.

IN THE BIG MERGER CASE

Thirty-Four Errors Pointed Out By the Corporation Attorneys, But They Won't Change Result.

St. Paul, April 20.—Thirty-four points of error are alleged by the counsel for the Northern Securities company and other defendants in their appeal from the decision of the circuit court.

Exceptions are noted to every paragraph in the decree and the court is claimed to be in error in rendering any decree save one for a dismissal of the petition and proceedings.

The appeal alleges among other things that the court erred in finding that the stockholders of the defendant companies had practical control of the defendant companies and that the stockholders agreed to form a corporation to buy the stock of the defendants.

It also claims the court erred in finding the stockholders had agreed to exchange their holdings in the defendant companies for stock in the new corporation.

It says the court erred when it found the plan of the new corporation placed the control of the defendant railways in the hands of the Northern Securities company and destroyed competition between the said companies and that the pooling of earnings was contemplated.

It alleges the court erred in finding that combinations which merely tend to restrain interstate commerce are violations of the anti-trust act.

Also that the court erred in holding every combination having the power to suppress competition between parallel lines is in violation of the anti-trust act whether such power is exercised or not.

An error was made, it is alleged, in holding that congress has power to prescribe who may or who shall not be shareholders of the companies chartered under the state laws but doing an interstate commerce business, and the court erred in holding the state has not the executive power to forbid combination between two such railways.

That it was erroneous to hold that two competing roads could not place a majority of stock in the hands of a single person or a few persons with power to operate said roads and stifle competition, and yet the same persons might create the corporation to accomplish the same purpose.

Error was made, the appeal alleges, in deciding that the existing combination gives a few men control of all the means of transportation of the defendant railway companies.

The defendants allege it was an error to hold that the anti-trust act, if construed as forbidding shareholders of the defendant companies from selling their shares to the Securities company, is valid law and not in conflict with the federal constitution.

It is claimed the court erred in holding the proofs disclosed any combination in restraint of commerce than one to build up and enlarge interstate and foreign commerce without any restraining of either.

Error was made, it is alleged, in deciding the Securities company be enjoined from acquiring further stock, either of the defendants and voting such stock, or exercising any contract of acts of either railway company.

Also that the court erred in enjoining the defendants from paying the Securities company any "dividend on the stock of such railway companies which it now claims to own and hold," and in declaring the Securities company can not lawfully hold shares in even one of the defendant companies or exercise any rights of such ownership.

Finally the appeal declares the court erred in rendering any decree save a decree for the dismissal of the proceedings.

O'BRIEN BREAKS KNUCKLE.

And Could Not Get Better Than a Draw With Walcott.

Boston, April 20.—Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia, gave Joe Walcott ten rounds of fast fighting tonight and a draw was announced as both men were on their feet. O'Brien broke a knuckle on his left hand in the second round, but with this handicap he gave Walcott a terrific pounding and compelled him to clinch repeatedly.

Terry Gets Another Match.

Buffalo, April 20.—Terry McGovern has been matched with Abe Attell of San Francisco for a twenty-round bout before the Fort Erie club.

THE AMERICAN JACK TARS

Will Be Asked to Participate In the Boat Races to Be Held at Kiel.

WASHINGTON PLEASED BY NEWS

Washington, April 20—News that American sailors on the occasion of their visit to Kiel will be invited to participate in the boat races is received with satisfaction in official circles here tonight. It was stated today on authority that it is the wish and will be the effort of the president and every member of his cabinet to promote the best relations between the United States and Germany and the president before leaving Washington on his western trip assurred Baron Sternburg, the German minister, of this fact. It is realized the navy is a potent factor in forming and maintaining international friendships and Secretary Moody shares the president's wishes to cement our good relations with Germany.

LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS.

Garibaldi Gets Offers From All Over the World.

Rome, April 20.—Ricciotti Garibaldi, leader of the Italian volunteers in Greece during the war with Turkey, has received letters from almost every country in the world from men who want to volunteer to join his expedition to free Macedonia from Turkey. These offers include the formation of a battalion of yeomanry and cavalry in South Africa. Many offers to volunteer have been received from the United States. It is reported, however, to be Garibaldi's opinion that no serious rising in the Balkans is possible this year.

NO NEW TRIALS

For St. Louis Boodlers Who Appeal to Supreme Court.

St. Louis, Mo., April 20.—Judge Ryan today refused to grant new trials to the following members of the St. Louis house of delegates, who were tried and convicted of bribery and notice of appeal to the supreme court was given. Charles Gutke, convicted Jan. 10, sentenced to five years in the penitentiary; John A. Sheridan, Edmund Beursch; Charles Denny and T. F. Albright, all sentenced to five years in the penitentiary Jan. 15.

The perjury cases that will soon come up are pending against defendants.

BONILLA NOW PRESIDENT

Of Honduras While Arias Is In Prison and Sierre Is a Fugitive.

New Orleans, La., April 20.—Bonilla is now president of Honduras, Arias is in prison at Tegucigalpa and Sierre is a fugitive in Nicaragua, having fled to that country when the handful of government troops deserted him in Necaome, April 6th, when the rebels under Barhona and Maldonado attacked the government forces under Sierre and marched to the capital, where Arias was made prisoner.

MILLERS WILL RESUME.

Indications Are That Northwestern Men Have Scored a Point.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 20.—The shut-down of the Minneapolis flour mills undertaken as a protest against the discriminatory freight rates on flour as compared with wheat has come to an end. While no formal cessions have been made by the railroads, assurances have been received which justify the millers in resuming. It is understood that one of the Minneapolis-Chicago roads gave signs of breaking away from the concert of action.

TOUR OF YELLOWSTONE.

Is About Completed by President Roosevelt—Resumes Journey.

Cinnabar, Mont., April 20.—President Roosevelt has about completed his tour of Yellowstone park. Today, he was at Firehole Geyser basin. Tomorrow he will return to Norris Geyser basin and go from there to Grand Canyon. He expects to return to post headquarters Wednesday and Friday afternoon will resume his trip.

SELL THEMSELVES TO SLAVERY.

Chinese Starving By Thousands In the Kwang Si Province.

Hong Kong, April 20.—The famine in Kwang Si province is killing tens of thousands of persons, and women there are selling themselves into slavery to escape starvation. The American consul at Canton has inaugurated a relief fund.

Grant a Differential.

Chicago, April 20.—After considerable opposition the Western Traffic men today consented to allow Omaha a differential of four cents above Kansas City on a proportional through rate from that city to the Gulf to apply on grain. The rate permits wheat to move from Omaha to the Gulf for 21 cents and corn for 20 cents.

SENATOR STONE GETS EXCITED

IN AN IMPASSIONED SPEECH HE EXPLAINS HIS CONNECTION BAKING POWDER.

LEGISLATION IN MISSOURI

Denounces the Press, Alleging that He Has Been Persecuted—Lee Tries to Make Bargain.

Kansas City, April 20—United States Senator William J. Stone, addressing the annual convention of the Missouri democratic press association, today made an elaborate explanation of his connection with Baking Powder legislation and the State Pure Food laws, and bitterly denounced the daily newspapers of the state, which, he declared, had "hounded" him outrageously.

The senator labored under intense excitement and protested against the persecution to which he had been subjected by the "scavengers of the press," who had used "assassins methods." He shouted: "Before my God I fear them not; I laugh in their faces and spit upon them."

Senator Stone denied the reports that he had been in conference with Colonel Phelps and Lieutenant Gov-



SENATOR W. J. STONE.

ernor Lee since the legislative investigation had been begun. He declared he had no part in the passage of the anti-alum law in 1899 and did not know for nearly a year that it had been enacted. As a private attorney he had assisted in the enforcement of state pure food laws, and in 1900, when it was proposed to repeal the anti-alum law, he wrote an argument against the repeal, but he did not visit Jefferson City.

"I swear to you I never spoke nor wrote to any member of either house of the legislature concerning this matter, but what I have told you," he declared. "I hope every guilty man will be uncovered."

Closing his address Stone said: "I hope God will wither my hand, palsy my tongue and burn my heart in the flames of hell before I will intentionally dishonor any position to which the people of Missouri assign me."

Lee Tries to Make Bargain

St. Louis, April 20—Today a representative of Lieutenant Governor Lee called upon Circuit Attorney Folk with a proposition that upon agreement to question Lee only about the alum deal in the legislative inquiry he would appear before the grand jury immediately. Folk informed the visitor he would not promise to restrict himself in any part of the inquiry, and the conference was fruitless.

Robert F. Lee, brother of Lieutenant Governor Lee, said today that his brother does not fear indictment himself, that he is not vindicative and does not wish to "assist the St. Louis grand jury in indicting for perjury certain members of the legislature who have testified before it."

Soldier Kills Comrade.

Valentine, Neb., April 2.—Private Linaer of Company L, Twentyfifth infantry, shot and killed Sergeant Yours of the same company as the result of a quarrel. Linaer was arrested.

Telephone Company Sells.

Fond Du Lac, Wis., April 20.—The property of the Little Wolf River Telephone company was today sold to Leander Choate of Oshosh, Wis., for $650,000.

SOME POINTS IN DISPUTE

Miners and Operators Fail to Agree on Interpretation of the Coal Commission Award.

TWENTY THOUSAND MEN IDLE.

Wilkesbarre, April 20—The executive boards representing the Mine Workers Union of the entire anthracite region began a conference today, the purpose being to interpret the various features of the strike award. Mitchell presided.

The principal point in dispute is the interpretation of the nine hour day. There has been much friction over this question and the matter reached an acute stage today when the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company shut down nearly all their collieries in the Schuylkill region, because the men would not accept the interpretation of the company. About 80,000 men were rendered idle in the Schuylkill region by the company's action.

Another grievance made known tonight is the alleged refusal of Coxe Brothers & Co., in the middle coal field to permit the miners to employ a check weighman. The award of the commission makes it compulsory for the operators to employ at the expense of the miners a check weighman whenever requested by a majority of the men at any colliery.

A joint conference will be apointed tomorrow, three persons to represent the miners on the board of conciliation, as provided for by the strike commission.

Steamship Arrivals.

New Yor, April 20—Auguste Victoria from Genoa; Astoria from Glasgow; Manitou from London; Finland from Antwerp.

Philadelphia—Hegeland from Liverpool.

Bremen—Koenigen Luise from New York.

Liverpool—Cymric from New York; Maria De Larrinaga from New York via Bordeaux; New England from Boston.

Leghorn—Sicilian Prince from New York via Naples.

Will Levy Reprisals.

Berlin, April 20—The Taglischerundeschau says it learns authoritatively that Germany will enact reprisals against Canada on account of the action of the dominion government in imposing surtax on German goods. The paper adds that all political parties condemn the step taken by Canada.

Lumbermen Meet.

Washington, April 20.—At today's session of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association papers were read by R. L. McCormick of the Mississippi Valley Lumberman's association and by B. F. McMillan of the Wisconsin Handware Lumberman's association. A number of committees were appointed. They will report tomorrow.

Will Return to Work.

Chicago, April 20—Two thousand picture frame makers, who went on a strike a month ago for better wages and shorter hours will return to work tomorrow pending the settlement of their demands by arbitration.

Body Found in Barrell Identified.

Buffalo, April 20.—A body found in a barrel some days ago has been positively identified by Mrs. Lucia Medonia as that of her husband, Benedetto Medonia.

Sail for Philippines.

Plattsburg, N. Y., April 20.—The Twenty-third regiment United States infantry, 1,000 strong, left here today for the Philippines via San Francisco.

A Mock Trial.

A mock trial will be held tonight at the A. M. E. church. Charles Bell will be the prisoner, George Price and John Samuels will be the prosecuting lawyers and Carl Watson and Fred Johnson will defend.

MEETINGS.

Chevalier Bayard lodge, No. 186, will meet tonight for work in the third degree.

Special meeting of Lady Macabees Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Fire Alarm.

The fire department was called to 363 West Wood street Monday afternoon to extinguish a small blaze in a dwelling. The fire did not amount to much and the chemical put it out.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 20.—The indications for Illinois are: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; fresh north to northeast winds.

Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ended Monday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, government observer:

7 a. m.	47	Highest	69
Noon	64	Lowest	45
7 p. m.	59		

MURDER AND SUICIDE

BEN COX KILLS HIS WIFE AND THEN ENDS HIS OWN LIFE.

NO WITNESSES TO THE DEED

She Refused to Live With Him Because of Dissolute Habits—He Had Made Threats.

Clinton, Ill., April 20.—(Special to the Herald).—At the home of J. Graves about three miles east of Clinton tonight Ben Cox shot and killed his wife and then blew out his own brains.

Cox was a man a little more than 30 years old and his wife was 20. They had been married more than two years and two months ago she left him on account of his dissolute habits. Until last August Cox had been a farmer, but then went to Clinton to live. His habits did not improve after going to town and his wife went to live with her father, George Elliston, a Clinton laborer. Monday she went to the home of her sister, Mrs. Graves, who lives on a farm four miles east of Clinton, and that evening about 8 o'clock Cox appeared there. He asked his wife if she would come out into the yard and talk to him for a moment. A few moments later the people in the house heard two pistol shots and rushing out of doors found Mrs. Cox shot through the left breast just below the heart. She was still alive, but was unconscious and was not able to tell anything of what had been said or done after she joined her husband. A short distance away the body of Cox was found. He had put the muzzle of the revolver into his mouth and blown out his brains. He was dead when found. Mrs. Cox lived a few moments after being found but could not talk.

The supposition is that Cox had asked his wife to again live with him and that when she refused he shot her. He had threatened to do her violence and had at other times sought to patch up their differences, but his conduct had been such that she had always refused. Cox's father is a tenant farmer living near Weldon and he has a brother and sister living in that village.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT.

Preparations For Entertainment to be Given Friday Evening.

The concert to be given by the singing pupils of the high school at the opera house Friday night promises to be the best ever given by the high school. The opera house orchestra will assist and will give half of the musical numbers, and will assist in all. The singing classes of the high school, under the supervision of Miss Clark, are singing better than ever before. The high school teachers say that the music is better than any ever given in previous concerts, and with the assistance of the opera house orchestra a great musical treat should be given.

The pupils practice every day, and the boys practice every ocher evening at the high school. There were thirty-eight boys at the school last night for practice. There will be about 150 in the chorus. There will be some special numbers. There will be two special whistling choruses, "The Warblers' Serenade," and the "Night Larks' Waltz." There will be a special trio number by the following girls: Madge Young, June Ewing, Pearl Record, Nellie Connard, and Ethel Patton. There will be two girls to each part; they will sing "The Home of Freedom."

There will be twelve numbers in all. The different numbers will be determined today and the full chorus, with the opera house orchestra will meet for practice at the high school tonight. The tickets out in the hands of the school children are selling fast and from all indications there will be a large crowd to hear the concert. The musicale is given for the benefit of the high school library and all above the expenses will go to that end.

PERSONALS.

Miss Margaret Eyman of Warrensburg was in the city Monday.

James Case went to Danville Sunday.

Mrs. John Scott of Mt. Zion was shopping in Decatur Monday.

Miss Cora Buckles of Niantic was visiting friends in the city yesterday.

Mrs. C. L. Hight of Macon was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Mrs. M. C. Curry of Voorhies was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Calvin went to Danville Sunday.

Mrs. T. B. Ewing returned Sunday night from Lawrence, Kansas, where she has been visiting her mother who has been very ill. Her mother is on the road to recovery.

Mrs. Joseph DeForest of Davenport, Iowa, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Linn.

C. S. Hankins and Mrs. A. Smick left Monday for Monon, Ind., to attend the funeral of their brother, Orlandus Hankins.

When Roosevelt Comes.

There is a rumor about the campus to the effect that the university regiment, will go to Decatur early in June, to honor President Roosevelt's visit to that city.—Champaign Gazette.

While the military contingent of the university is not recognized as a part of the state troops, those who are familiar with their appearance declare that there is no finer appearing body of soldiers in the state.

Turners Dance.

The Turners gave their first dance of the season at their hall last evening. There was a large attendance, there being about 150 present, and all had an excellent time as usual. The Goodman orchestra furnished the music for the evening. Frank Plumer was the floor manager, Frank Johnson caller, and Joe Sutter held down the position of door keeper. The Turners will clear a good amount from the tickets and the bar.

Supper at Greider's.

The members of the coremakers' union held a meeting last night and after the meeting gave a supper at Greider's cafe.

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LOCAL AND OTHER GOOD STORIES

Was Not Running a Keeley Cure But Was Willing to Help.

At the boarding house was a beautiful young girl, educated, clever, thoroughly up to date. A handsome young fellow was paying her devoted attention, whenever he was sober enough to do so. All the other boarders felt anxious lest his attractive manners and lavish display of wealth should win the girl. One evening she said:

"John proposed tonight went down on his knees and said I was the only power on earth that could save him, and if I didn't consent to become his wife he would fill a drunkard's grave"

"What did you say?" was asked

"I told him that I was not running a Keeley Cure, but if he really wanted to be saved from a drunkard's grave, I could give him the address of several I had heard highly recommended."

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The Things That Intelligent People Didn't Tell.

When the late Charles Godfrey Leland was editing the Knickerbocker magazine he gave a weekly reception that was popular among literary people. There arose at one of these receptions a tremendous argument about religion. Men and women took sides violently and they became enraged. They made use of insulting personalities. To quiet them Mr. Leland cried out, in a voice loud enough to be heard above all the uproar:

"Intelligent persons are all of the same religion."

A lull ensued. Some one said:

"What religion is that?"

"That," answered Mr. Leland, "is what intelligent persons never tell."

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Tied His Ague to Sapling and Was Cured.

The man of a scientific turn of mind was telling of his boyhood days back in Ohio in that section of the country and of the time when everybody had the ague The earthly affairs of the people of that section were regulated by the shakes When the boys would meet and one would say "let's go swimming," the other would reply, "wait till tomorrow this is my day for a chill." Effective ague cures were scarce and there were many popular superstitious in ways in which to get rid of the sickness. The scientific man who is not given to belief in omens and signs told of the one that forever rid him of the chills and fever. "If you have ever read 'Tom Sawyer' and 'Huckleberry Finn,'" he said "you know something about boy's superstitions. Mark Twain did not exaggerate them at all. We had them when I was a boy and it was one of these that I successfully employed to cure myself of the ague. One of the gang after he had shaken himself to skin and bones missed his chill one day and announced that he had been cured. We wanted to know his formula and he told us that on the day of his last chill was due he got up early in the morning entered a deep wood without being seen, tied himself with a piece of red yarn to a sapling went through certain motions and then walked away breaking the string and leaving the ague tied to the sapling. The last important thing was getting out of the timber without being seen. That completed the spell. On my next chill day I tried the scheme and as sure as I live I have never had a chill from that day to this It was said that the sapling to which the ague had been tied would never grow again and in my case at least this was true, for the next spring I visited the sapling and it was dead. It might have been a pioneer case of faith cure but it worked anyway."

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Press Agent Now Proper At Fashionable Weddings.

The latest thing in connection with Decatur weddings is a "press agent." The idea is not half bad. If people who have fashionable weddings only knew it the present day reporter is not anxious to attend them and is not sighing for any of the cake and ice cream. Getting the details and writing up the wedding is simply a matter of business with him and the easiest and quickest way to get them is what pleases him best. A recent innovation in a big wedding was a notice sent to The Herald to the effect that a certain young lady had been detailed to furnish the press with all the information desired about the wedding. The arrangement was such that the "points" desired were easily and accurately acquired. The "press agent" was freed from the excitement and flurry of the occasion and able to deal out the facts in a business like way.

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She Wanted Five Cents Worth of Glory Divine.

"I want five cents' worth of glory divine," said a flaxen-haired tot looking intently at the clerk in a drug store last evening. Everybody within hearing of the infantile voice either laughed or smiled, while the drug man looked serious and appeared to be thinking. "Are you sure it is glory divine you want?" he asked the little one.

"Yes, sir," was the prompt response.

"For what does mamma want it?" was the next question.

"To throw it around the room and in the back yard," said the little tot, innocently.

"Isn't it chloride of lime she wants?" asked the drug man.

The little girl nodded her assent and soon she was on her way home to mother.

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Made Her Anxious That He Escape Injury.

"I've been thinking of it ever since I started on my present journey," said the commercial traveler, thoughtfully, "and I'm bothered if I can make up my mind just what she was aiming at. You see, some time ago I realized that traveling about the country as I am I was taking a good many I have taken out an accident insurance myself.

"So I said to my wife, after I had acted upon the thought, 'I have done something today that I should have done when I first started on the road. I have taken on an accident insurance policy on my life. If am killed, the company pays a thousand dollars. If I am injured, then I get $15 a week.'

"'For how long?' she asked.

"'As long as I am laid up.'

"'But it might be only a week.'

"'Yes.'

"'And you would get only $15?'

"'That is all'

"'And if you get killed you get a thousand dollars?'

"'You would,' I answered patiently

"'Well, the next morning when I started on my journey she threw her arms around me and cried

"'Now, John, for heaven's sake, whatever you do, don't get injured!'"

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Careful About His Manners But Raised A Laugh.

A certain small Tom was going out to luncheon by invitation His mother was anxious he should behave well, but, wisely recalling that simplicity is the essence of all true politeness, gave him but one caution: "Act, Tom, as if you were at home, take what you want with a 'Yes, please,' and decline anything with a polite 'No, thank you.' Be as honest as at our own table" trusting with his confidence established the continual home sowing of precept and example would bear its fruit.

At night Tom reported results. 'I guess I did all right, mother, though I got a laugh on me once"

"What was that?" inquired his mother.

"Well, we had baked apples, and when it came my turn to be served, Mrs. See said 'And now Tom, which apple do you want?'"

"You told her of course," interpolated his mother as the boy hesitated a little. "You know, I have often explained that it is good manners to give a choice when one is asked"

"Yes, mother, I told her, and that was the laugh. I said, 'The one I want is gone.'"

Odd Answers Made to Teachers By Little Folks.

A teacher was addressing a small class of little boys, and she asked them how many could tell where the home of the swallow was. One little fellow named John said. "I can. The home of the swallow is in the stomach."

"What are the first teeth called?" asked the teacher of the class. "Milk Teeth," answered the class in chorus. "Correct. Now who can tell me what the last teeth are called?" After a prolonged silence a little fellow raised his hand. "Well, Albert," said the teacher, "you may answer." "False teeth," promptly responded the youth.

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Doctor Lost Out by Misjudging His Patient.

A very eminent physician had cured a little child of a dangerous illness. The grateful mother turned her steps toward the house of her son's savior "Doctor," she said, "there are some services which cannot be repaid. I really don't know how to express my gratitude I thought you would perhaps, be so kind as to accept this purse embroidered by my own hands."

"Madam," replied the doctor coldly, "medicine is no trivial affair, and our visits are only to be rewarded in money. Small presents serve to sustain friendships, but they do not sustain our families."

'But, doctor," said the lady, alarmed and wounded, "speak—tell me the fee.'

"Two hundred dollars, madam"

The lady opened the embroidered purse, took out five bank notes of $100 each, gave two to the doctor, put the remaining three back in the purse, bowed coldly and departed.

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Little Indefinite As to What They Really Were.

"Please, Sergeant," exclaimed a lady, as she rushed into the police station, half out of breath. Then she hesitated. "What is it, ma'am?"

"I don't like to tell you."

"Proceed. Have you been robbed, or ——?"

"Robbed, yes; cruelly robbed. Last night someone stole a lot of clothes from off my line."

"Just give me a list of the articles stolen."

"I couldn't do that, for they took two pairs of ——"

"What?"

"Oh, no, I really couldn't say; but Mr. Policeman, if you see anybody wearing them, arrest them."

With this brief explanation she departed, and now she is telling all the neighbors that the police force of this country is too stupid to detect crime, even when they get a clue at first hand.

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Case Required Laying on of the Hand.

A contemporary is responsible for the following "Mamma," said Albert, "do you believe in the faith cure?" "Yes, dear," said mamma, "and I practice it, too." "Mamma," continued the boy, feeling his damp hair uneasily, "if a boy goes a swimming and then lies about it, can you cure him of lying by faith?" "No, dear," said mamma, sweetly, "that vice is cured by laying on of hands." And in ten minutes thereafter Albert was the best cured boy in the United States.

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New Carry Old Umbrellas To Receptions.

The women who attend afternoon receptions are not dishonest but some of them are absent minded, with the result that they evidently get a stock of good umbrellas. During a recent social function three ladies met on the way to the affair and compared notes. Each one carried an old and shabby umbrella and when they began to compare notes they found that each in turn had been the victim of this social absent mindedness. They each related that on some former recent occasion they had gone to parties with good umbrellas and had come away with relics that had evidently been better days. They had never been able to locate their property and each had determined in future to carry the oldest thing that she could get her hands on. They made up their minds that if they had to exchange with some one else that they would at least get an even break and perhaps the best of the bargain but on this particular occasion they were not bothered for each one carried away her shabby old umbrella.

Mowaqua.

A number of young people attended the show at Decatur Wednesday night

After taking the wife about four weeks ago, death again entered the home of Charles Ahl Wednesday and took his baby boy, aged 18 months. The cause was cerebro spinal menigitis.

C M Brooks has rented the store room under the Masonic temple and will move his stock of hardware and stoves into it about the first of May.

Ben Ruffner, who has been very ill for several months, was greeting old friends here Friday Mr. Ruffner has lately moved to the vicinity of Taylorville.

The following ticket was nominated at the school caucus held Thursday evening For president, G W. McClelland, for members, J. W S Gregory and S S Clapperr

The Business Men's Association is getting down to business. At the meeting Monday night they ordered a number of hitching racks to be built for the benefit of the country people's teams.

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Mt. Auburn.

Clyde Hardbarger was a Decatur visitor Saturday.

Lewis Tankersley was re-elected to the office of school director in this district The vote stood. Lewis Tankersley 27, Levi Stelrman, 23 In Davis district John W. Augur was elected in place of W. L. Rasar whose term expired. Mr Augur received 16 votes and Mr. Rasar 11.

J. R. Vanderbilt has a new residence in course of erection in Tankersley's addition.

Miss Etta Watkins of Prairie Lea was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allbright last week.

Miss Carrie Shepherd is seriously ill Her parents intend to take her to Colorado this week if her condition will permit

A break in the machinery at the Baldridge brick yard stopped work there for the remainder of the week

The Ulrich elevator is now entirely completed and will begin work this week It is a first class structure and thoroughly equipped in every particular

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Lake City.

B G Motherly and wife returned from a visit at Arthur last Wednesday

Frank Towers and family returned from a visit at Argenta last Wednesday

John Rankin, Chas Dickson and Harley Sillsworth were Decatur visitors Thursday.

John Bowers was at Decatur Wednesday.

Born to Mr and Mrs Elmer Roderick Wednesday April 15, a son

T A. Dickson's baby is improving.

Sam Ward purchased a fine Kimble piano for his daughter's birthday present

Mrs. R. T Lee and child are visiting relatives at Shumway, Ill,

L. G. Marlow was a Prairie Hall visitor Friday.

Grandpa Miers and P. K. Miers were at Decatur Friday.

There is talk of organizing a brass band at this place

Miss Lina Selders and Mrs Dr. Loesch were in Decatur shopping Friday.

Miss Lizzie Anderson of Lovington visited here Friday.

Word was sent here that Frank Pasley, who now lives at Steele, N D. is very low with lung fever.

Mrs Jacob Mercker and son Simon, and Chas. Marlow were at Decatur Saturday.

Harley Stillsworth and wife and baby went to Sullivan Saturday to visit relatives

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FUNERALS.

John Ancene.

The funeral of the late John Ancene was held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from St James' German Catholic church Rev. Father Teppe conducted the services. The funeral was one of the largest ever held from the church Not half of the people who attended could get inside the building.

The members of the German Aid society attended in a body. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The music was by the regular church choir.

The flower girls were Julia and Nora McNamara, Miss Kern, Miss Knox, Miss Keupfetle, Martha Steppan and Lizzie Kastner.

The pall bearers were William Ernest, August Scholz, and Nicholas Armbuster from the Liquor Dealers association, and George Strominger, Jacob Scheier and Ernest Lachman from the German Aid society The interment was at Calvary.

Mrs. Robert Householder.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Robert Householder was held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the North Main Street Methodist church. Rev. George W. Metzer officiated. The music was furnished by a choir composed of Miss Rixie, Miss Clothier and Messrs Metzer and Johnson Mrs. Johnson was at the organ.

The burial was at Greenwood cemetery and the pall bearers were I A. Shoemaker, C Young, A. S. Kenney, Albert Diehl, W A. Runyan and C. E. Mitchell

Miss Mary Langheldt.

The funeral of Miss Mary Langheldt was held at 2 30 o'clock Monday afternoon from the family residence, 829 North Lowber street. At the house services in English were held and later at St. Johannes' church services in German were conducted by Rev. William Heyne The burial was at Greenwood cemetery. The floral tributes were numerous

Measles.

Cases of measles have been reported at the residences of the following persons

J. T. Shastid, 816 North Railroad avenue

C. Sterr, 627 East Lefland avenue.

Bert Conklin, 1115 North Water street.

Charles Younger, 1237 North Calhoun street.

Votaw Got Bond.

Friends in this city have heard from Thomas Votaw, the man who was arrested and taken to Kentucky on a charge of shooting at a man. When Votaw arrived at his home friends met him and furnished bond and he did not go to jail. He is to have a trial in May and his friends say he will undoubtedly be acquitted.

TO PITTSFIELD.

Rev. C. R. Birnbach, pastor of St. John's Episcopal church, went to Pittsfield Monday morning to pack up his goods for shipment to Decatur. He will return about Friday and will reside at 459 North College street.

RAILROAD NEWS

It is proposed by the Gould syndicate to construct 390 miles of railroad betwen tidewater and a few miles west of Pittsburg, to construct terminals at Pittsburg costing $1,250,000 and invest $3,000,000 in docks and lines near Baltimore as well as $1,000,000 at a number of Virginia points.

Extensive sums will also be invested in Toledo, where the Ann Arbor syndicate will co-operate with the Wabash to connect the two lines for convenience in operating

The assets that will underlie any new securities issued will, therefore, comprise those enumerated above in addition to the lines purchased, namely, Western Maryland West Virginia Central Ann Arbor

The new lines that will be included in the above total are as follows

Pittsburg, Carnegie and Western—Pittsburg to West Virginia state line, 32 1-2 miles, West Virginia state line to Ohio river, 6 1-2 miles, Ohio river to Jewett, 21 miles lumber line (est.), 5 miles

Little Kanawha—Sandy Bend to Burnsville (nine tunnels), 75 miles; Zanesville to Parkersburg, 68 miles, Burnsville to Bellington, 59 miles.

Western Maryland—Cumberland to Cherry Run, 65 miles, lines in Baltimore, 7 miles.

West Virginia Central—Elkins to Durbin, 47 miles, local lines near Piedmont, 4 miles

This total of 390 miles of road is a much greater undertaking than it looks The rights of way have been very expensive, and the building of lines must be carried on through a territory that is admittedly one of the most difficult in the country for trunk lines. In all, the bridging of the waterways crossed in the completion of the route to the sea and the Virginia feeders will cost something in the neighborhood of $8,000,000. Many tunnels are also included in the undertaking Since $600,000 a mile is not too high an estimate for the cost of building a tunnel and laying tracks in it, it is apparent that the road is going to be an expensive one to build.

The work of the syndicates will not be completed until the Western Maryland and West Virginia lines have been thoroughly overhauled and put in commission to perform their part as integral divisions of a trunk line.

GIVE SECURITY

Democrats Try to Corral Colored Men For Springer by Making Pledges.

EX-MAYOR STADLER FIRST

Rosen His Security—He Is Secured by Manse Park—While Al McGoodwin Guarantees It All.

The Springer people got up a meeting of colored voters last night at the Silver Leaf club rooms on West Main street. The object of course was to commit them to Springer. About fifty were present. Tom Miller was made chairman of the meeting.

Ex-Mayor Stadler was the first speaker He told the audience that while mayor he had given more colored people work than any six mayors that had preceded him and he was authorized by Springer to say that if he was elected he would do as well by them as he, Stadler, had done He also told them that if Springer was elected he would permit them to name a colored man for policeman Of course he failed to explain that if the civil service proposition, which is to be voted on today, carried, that promise could not be carried out.

The next speaker was Dick Rosen, who went Stadler's security for the promises he made in behalf of Springer.

Manse Park followed and went Rosen's security on promises.

Al McGoodwin followed Park and guaranteed that all that the other gentlemen said would be carried out.

After the meeting adjourned and the speakers had left those present had a conference and one of the number reported that fully 40 out of the lot were unalterably in favor of Shilling and would vote for him today.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

A LECTURE

There will be a lecture at the A. M. E. church next Thursday evening.

ALL DAY PRAYER.

There is to be an all day prayer meeting at the First Baptist church today for the purpose of giving moral support to the voters Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

NEW ROOMS.

New waiting rooms are being placed in the dress making department at Linn and Scruggs'.

PRACTICING.

The high school track team has begun practice at the race track. A large number of the boys were out Monday They will continue practicing at the track until the track meet is pulled off.

AN OPENING.

There was an opening at Kilburn's store at Moweaqua last Saturday. The store was nicely decorated with ribbons, crimped paper and plants. A large bell was suspended from the center of the room and ribbons were draped from it to the walls, making a very pretty effect. Conklin's mandolin club of this city played at the opening. One of their selections from Floradora made a hit and they had to play it five different times.

ACCIDENT TO MISS BURROWS

Miss Maude Burrows is confined to her home on account of an accident. She was assisting in cleaning house and in attempting to throw a rug out of a window she put her shoulder out of joint. The injury was quite painful but Miss Burrows will soon be able to be out again.

MUSICAL DIVISION.

The members of the Musical division of the Woman's club will hold a meeting next Friday afternoon. No regular program has been arranged.

ARRIVES IN DECATUR.

C J. Stewart, son of the proprietor of the ice cream factory, has arrived here from Kokomo, Ind.

Wedding Announcement.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Anna M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Volle, of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., to Mr. John T. Hershey, a rising young undertaker of the same city. The wedding will occur at 12 o'clock noon Thursday, April 30th, 1903.

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THE REGULARS

Beat the Colts in the All Decatur Game On Sunday by a Score of 4 to 3.

SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE OUT

To Cheer the Players And Have Fun With Them.

Seven hundred baseball fans went out to the grounds on Sunday afternoon to witness the All Decatur game. It furnished plenty of amusement although it was not a well played game from either standpoint. Errors were numerous but generally excusable owing to the high cold wind that made judging the ball difficult and the fact that positions were filled on both sides by men not accustomed to playing them The regulars won by a score of 4 to 3 but it was not until they came to bat in the eigth inning that it looked like they had any chance of winning, out. Wright and Wiegand played on both sides, alternating in the box and at short.

The Colts started out as if they were going to win the game from the jump. Wittkow landed on a gentle curve for two bases and Frantz got his base on a muffed fly at short and with a base hit by Mertens both men managed to score Then Hankey distinguished himself by a double play which retired the side and could have been made a triple had it been necessary With Conner on third and Mertens on second a hard hit liner was started by Desmond It looked like it was a safety Hankey went up in the air and got it O Conner had started for home and Mertens was almost to third and was touched out by Hankey. All that would have been necessary to have completed a triple play, unassisted, something exceptionally rare in base ball, would have been for Hankey to have stepped on the bag and he would have had out three men but it was not necessary as one man had already been retired. The Colts made their other run in the third when Wittkow got his base on balls and scored on a wild throw and a two bagger by Jacobson.

For the Regulars Hankey made a run in the first going to second on a wild throw and scoring on Gass' hit.

In the eighth Hankey got his base on a ball forcing Thornton at second Then singles by McFarland, R. Walters and a two bagger by H Walters coupled with a few errors let in three runs.

The score follows:

Regulars	AB	R	H	PO	A	E.
Thornton, cf	4	0	0	0	2	1
Hankey, 3b	4	2	1	4	1	0
McFarland, 1b	4	1	2	8	0	0
R. Walters, 2b	4	1	1	2	3	0
H Walters, lf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Gass, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
A. Walters, ss.	3	0	0	1	4	2
Piper, c	4	0	0	11	0	1
Wiegand, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Wright, p	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	34	4	6	27	12	5

Colts	AB	R.	H	PO.	A.	E.
Wittkow, lf	3	2	1	3	0	1
Frantz, cf	4	1	0	0	0	0
Jacobson, 2b, p.	4	0	2	5	3	2
OConnor, c	2	0	0	4	1	0
Mertens p, rf	4	0	7	0	2	0
Desmond, rf, p.	4	0	0	1	2	0
Schulte, 1b	4	0	7	10	0	1
Method, 3b	4	0	0	0	3	2
Wright, ss	2	0	0	1	2	0
Wiegand, ss., p.	2	0	0	0	1	2
Total	31	3	5	24	14	8

By innings.

Regulars	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	*	—4
Colts	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—3

Summary.

Two base hits—H. Walters, Wittkow, Jacobson.

Double plays—Hankey (unassisted.)

Base on balls—Off Mertens 1; Off Wright 1, Off Wiegand 2.

Passed Ball—O'Conner.

Hit by pitched ball—A. Walters, O'Conner.

Struck out—by Mertens1; by Desmond 2, by Wright 2; by Wiegand 5.

Umpire—Krebs.

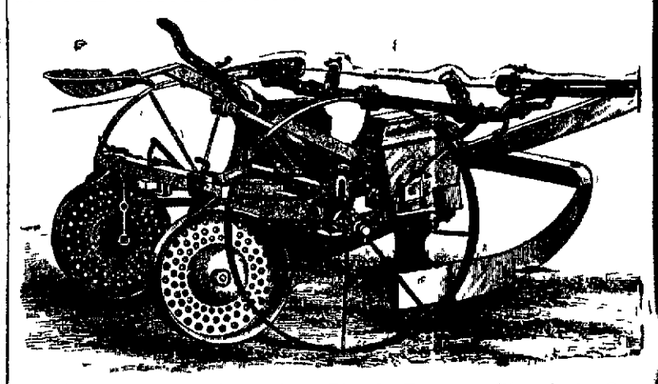
Notes of the Game.

Eddie Krebs acted as umpire.

The crowd took kindly to Wittkow. They liked his work in the field, on the bases and at the bat.

They were all favorites but the Colts seemed to have the sympathy of the crowd.

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Base Ball is Booming.

The baseball fever seems to have struck this town about right as all kinds of teams have been organized in the past few weeks The younger idea has at last gotten in line and they are getting busy Last week the Blues met and decided that they could whip any team in the city and they are now ready to try it. The team is made up of some best players picked from last season's teams and are anxious to get dates with teams 14 or under Ken Wood the manager, will try to accommodate all comers. The batting order of the team will be as follows

John Osmer c, Ellis Lonergan p, Walter Cope 1b, Lawrence Summerfield 2b, Emmet Swisher 3b, Ken Wood ss, Howard Arthur lf, Ralph Tenny cf, Harry Pahmeyer, rf. Osmer is the captain The team has suits of blue trimmed with white with white caps.

The East End Blues.

The East End Blues defeated the High Rollers on the stock yard diamond Sunday afternoon by a score of 20 to 9. The East End Blues challenge any team in the city under 17 years of age Their line up is as follows

R. Heger, c, J. Sibert, p, D. Macnamara, ss, H Churchman, 1b, J McDonald, 2b, T. Cantwell 3b, F. Kepler, rf, F. Liondell lf, H. Fowler, cf.

All Stars In Two Games.

The All Stars played two games Sunday, one in the morning with the Mohawks and one in the afternoon with the Riverside Greys. Luck was against them in the first game for they were beaten by a score of 10 to 4. Lute Clothier, who was pitching for the Mohawks, was great and the All Stars could not touch him. This is the first time in two years that the Stars have been defeated in this city. In the afternoon they somewhat made up for their defeat in the morning by beating the Greys in a walkaway. The score stood 23 to 5.

Kids' Ten Innings.

The first baseball game of the season for the west end boys was played on the King street diamond yesterday. The Juniors defeated the Ideals in a ten-inning game with a score of 2 to 1. The battery for the Juniors is Reed and Garver, for the Ideals, File and Adams. Judging from the score and the number of innings, the west end boys may well set a pace for the larger teams to follow.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Pittsburg	4	4	0	1.000
Chicago	4	2	2	.500
Boston	4	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	4	2	2	.500
New York	2	1	1	.500
Brooklyn	2	1	1	.500
St. Louis	4	2	2	.500
Cincinnati	4	0	4	.000

Games Today.

Philadelphia at Boston.
New York at Brooklyn.
St. Louis at Pittsburg.
Cincinnati at Chicago.

Boston, April 20.—Ten hits, including doubles in the fifth, sixth and seventh gave the visitors eight runs, clinching this afternoon's game In the morning McFetridge went to pieces in the sixth The score

	R	H	E.
Boston ... 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 1 0—4	8	2	
Philadelphia 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—3	9	5	

Batteries—Pittinger and Moran, McFetridge and Zimmer.

Afternoon: The score:

	R	H	E
Boston .. 2 0 0 1 1 0 3 0 0— 7	13	3	
Phila. .. 1 0 1 0 1 3 4 0 0—10	16	1	

Batteries—Willis and Kittredge; Mitchell and Roth.

Tie at New York.

New York, April 20.—After eleven innings the game resulted in a tie. Sharp fielding by Brooklyn kept the locals from scoring at critical moments The score

	R	H	E
N'w York 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—5	10	3	
B'kl'yn. 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0—5	12	1	

Batteries—Taylor and McGinnity, Warner; Jones and Hearn.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Boston, April 20.—The score.

	R	H	E
Boston .. 0 0 0 5 0 2 1 1 *—9	10	2	
Phila. .. 0 0 1 1 0 2 0 0 0—4	12	7	

Batteries—Winter, Dineen and Farrell; Waddell and Schreck.

Afternoon:

	R	H	E
Boston ... 0 2 1 0 2 0 0 0 1— 7	16	2	
Phila .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 1—10	12	4	

Batteries—Young, Hughes and Farrell, Plank, Bender and Powers.

FARMERS COLUMN

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Mrs. Maybrick, Whose Release Has at Last Been Decreed

MRS. FLORENCE MAYBRICK, who will leave Aylesbury prison, England, one year from July a free woman, will not be liberated as the result of executive clemency, but because she will have worked out her life sentence. This is certainly an anomaly, but it is the general rule that when a person is sentenced for life his term of imprisonment is regarded as being twenty-one years. Good behavior the usual commutations allowed so that a sentence for life usually means but about fifteen years of actual imprisonment. Naturally for the sentence if the authorities for any reason desire to make an exception they are within the law in holding the prisoner in custody. But in the case of Mrs. Maybrick the home secretary will doubtless be delighted at the opportunity to get out of an awkward position in a dignified manner without appearing to have been influenced by what has frequently been referred to in England as the "clamor" existing in this country looking to the release of Mrs. Maybrick.

When Mrs. Maybrick finally leaves Aylesbury prison, the last act will have been enacted in a drama in which, if the best legal authorities of the world are at fault, the principal actor has been treated with a degree of injustice long deemed impossible under modern English law. But as out of every great wrong some good is almost sure to emanate it is thought that the Maybrick case will result in a change in the law of England to permit a convicted person, especially one convicted of a capital offense, to appeal to some higher court than that in which he was convicted. This is the practice in every state of the Union, but with all of the Englishman's undoubted love of fair play efforts in this direction have always met with signal failure.

The United States government has several times officially exercised its influence toward obtaining the release of Mrs. Maybrick, and it is safe to say that if the alleged crime for which she has so grievously suffered had been committed in this country it would not have attracted more attention here than has been accorded it. In the first place, Mrs. Maybrick is an American girl. Her father, William G. Chandler, was a respected citizen of Mobile, Ala., and one of its prominent bankers. Through both of her parents she is related to men whose names are prominent in the history of the United States. Her father died in 1863 when Florence was but a year old, and her mother concluded to remove to New York, where she took up her abode with relatives. A few years later Florence accompanied her mother to Europe and in 1869 was taken to Germany, where she was sent to school. She was exceedingly bright and won many of the honors from her classmates, although the recitations were in a tongue foreign to her. Florence was carefully raised, and everything was done to instruct her in those things which the presumptive wife of some prosperous man should understand. Competent persons were employed to instruct her in the mysteries of housekeeping, and high salaried teachers were employed to develop her natural taste for art and music. In short, she was "gently reared" in the most extreme sense of that much misapplied term. As a girl she was noted for her consideration for those about her and for her tender solicitude for sick friends or relatives.

In 1878 Florence returned to New York, where she met James Maybrick. She was sixteen, he was forty. She was a pure, unsophisticated girl; he was a man of the world who had sounded the depths of dissipation. Her family recognized his unworthiness to be the wife of any pure woman, bitterly opposed the match, but without avail, and Florence Chandler in July, 1881, in London, the home of her husband, became Mrs. Maybrick. After a business sojourn of several years in this country the Maybricks returned to England to live permanently, taking up their residence in Grassendale, near Liverpool, in which city Mr. Maybrick carried on a prosperous business. The young wife soon learned that her elderly husband had not reformed, and his mode of life was of such a scandalous nature even after the birth of two children, a boy and a girl, that she felt impelled to protest. The husband promised to do better and continued to dissipate as much as ever. What made Mrs. Maybrick's life all the more difficult was the fact that her husband was also addicted to the drug habit, using for what purpose no one has ever been able to ascertain several powerful solutions of arsenic.

On April 27, 1889, Maybrick, who had been confined to the house periodically for several weeks, accepted the invitation of a friend to attend the races. He went on horseback and was soaked to the skin by a heavy rainstorm. Nevertheless he remained out until a late hour that night and contracted a violent cold. The following day he was confined to his bed and in less than two weeks died. The physician's certificate gave the cause of death as "inflammation of the stomach, due to grave indiscretion in eating."

Up to this point there had been no breath of suspicion, but here entered the evil geniuses of Mrs. Maybrick in the person of the brothers of Mr. Maybrick. They had conceived a violent hatred for the beautiful young American, and upon their suggestion, or at least as a result of their hints, Mrs. Maybrick, who had been in a semiconscious condition for three days succeeding the death of her husband, was arrested. The public regarded the proceeding as an outrage, and this view was accentuated by the flimsy evidence against Mrs. Maybrick which was adduced at the trial. But as the trial was almost a farce press and public alike laughed at what was regarded as the slap in the face which the jury's verdict was certain to give the Maybrick brothers. This was the situation when Mr. Justice Stephen, who presided, began his charge to the jury. It was a remarkable utterance to come from the bench, being practically an injunction to convict, which the jury promptly did, and Mrs. Maybrick was sentenced to be hanged a few weeks later.

But the public had now become thoroughly aroused, and such a protest was sent up that the home secretary commuted the convict's sentence to imprisonment for life on the ground that there was a reasonable doubt of her having administered arsenic to her husband. This only increased the clamor, for the English law distinctly provides that the prisoner must be given the benefit of the doubt. Thus if there was a doubt Mrs. Maybrick should have been set at liberty. If there was no doubt, she should have been executed. An appeal would have very soon disposed of the case, but as the English law provides for no review of a criminal procedure save at the hands of the home secretary Mrs. Maybrick languished in Woking and later in Aylesbury prison.

To appreciate the injustice of the verdict it is necessary to briefly review the evidence. The judge in his charge laid great stress upon two facts—the finding in the Maybrick house of a considerable quantity of arsenic and the discovery of some fly papers which Mrs. Maybrick declared she was in the habit of soaking to make a face wash. He ignored the fact that it was proved that Maybrick was a habitual arsenic eater, and the home secretary later ignored the testimony of the man who had sold the arsenic to Maybrick himself as well as the statement of the woman who had told Mrs. Maybrick how to compound the face wash from the fly papers. Besides, it was proved that all of the fly papers which Mrs. Maybrick admitted having bought did not contain enough arsenic to kill a man when those which were left untouched were deducted. In addition to all this, but one-quarter of a grain of arsenic was found in the viscera of the dead man, while physicians on both sides testified that that quantity would have been left from a single dose of the preparation which it was conceded that Maybrick had never ceased to take. Thus there really was not a peg upon which to hang the case of the prosecution, and no one was more shocked and more pained at the astonishing verdict than the prosecuting officer.

At about this time it began to be whispered that Mr. Justice Stephen had latterly given evidence of not being as sound mentally as a man in his position should be. Of course no one dared to publish this statement in England, but it was printed in this country by a great many newspapers. The official London press naturally sneered at "Yankee sensationalism" and continued to do so until about two years after the conviction of Mrs. Maybrick, when Mr. Justice Stephen was forced to retire from the bench. He was incarcerated in a private asylum as he had been declared to be hopelessly insane. There a little later he died, while the victim of his mental malady and the inflexibility of the occupants of the chair of home secretary when considering cases involving action which might be construed into rectifying blunders of their predecessors languished in prison, officially a murderess, with little hope of ever being restored to the devoted mother who had sacrificed everything for her.

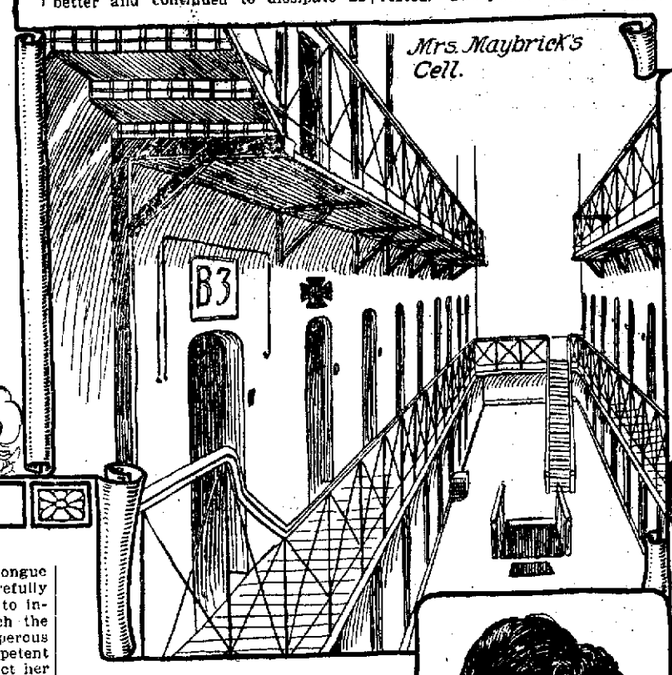
A review of this case would be incomplete without reference to the one thing which created prejudice against Mrs. Maybrick and which doubtless was responsible for the violent personal aversion which the judge conceived for her. This was the fact, pretty well established, that when Maybrick after having time and again promised to reform had returned to his old practices his abandoned and dishonored wife permitted herself to accept advice from one Brierly. From a perfectly harmless friendship her relations grew into strict impropriety, and it was her infatuation for Brierly which was made to do duty as "motive."

Although Mrs. Maybrick will not be released for a good deal more than a year, rumors have already been published concerning her plans after she shall have been set at liberty. One story has it that she will proceed to the south of France, where she will remain for several months recuperating from the effects of her long confinement, after which she will come to this country and go into business in some large city. Another, and the more probable story, declares that she will at once come to the United States and, after winding up an estate in which she is interested, will retire to some quiet place and, assuming her old name, attempt to pass her days in peace, living upon the very ample income which the estate will yield her. At any rate it is likely that Mrs. Maybrick will for a long time be a marked woman, and those who best know her would not be surprised if she should carry out her long announced purpose of spending her last dollar to demonstrate beyond all possibility of cavil that her husband's death was not brought about or even remotely contributed to by her.

ROGER P. BARNUM.



Mrs. Maybrick at the time of the alleged poisoning.



Mrs. Maybrick's Cell.



Home Secretary Akers-Douglas.



Mrs. Maybrick at the time of her marriage.

A DOCTOR'S STORY.

A doctor tells a good story in connection with a lad who until recently was in his employ. It was part of this youngster's duty to answer the surgery bell and to usher the prospective patients into the consulting room. One morning there presented himself at the surgery entrance a mechanic with whom Buttons was on speaking terms.

"Hello, Jackson!" he remarked. "What's the matter with yer?"

"Oh, I just want to see the doctor," replied the visitor.

"Have yer brought yer symptoms with yer?" inquired Buttons. "'Cos that's the fust thing he'll ask yer about. If yer ain't brought 'em, ye'd better pop back an' get 'em."

"And, would you believe it," adds the doctor, "that fellow was actually about to act on the boy's advice when I entered the surgery?"

FINED BY PHONE.

The town marshal of Elnora, in Indiana, was called to the telephone recently by John Ketchem, a farmer who lives eight miles away. "You have a warrant for my arrest!" shouted Ketchem. "Please be good enough to read it." The officer did as requested and added, "Consider yourself in charge." "Certainly," replied Ketchem. "I plead guilty to being drunk and incapable." The officer then called Judge Hastings to the telephone, who severely rebuked Ketchem and fined him 5 cents and costs. "Thanks," came the reply. "Money shall be sent on by next post."

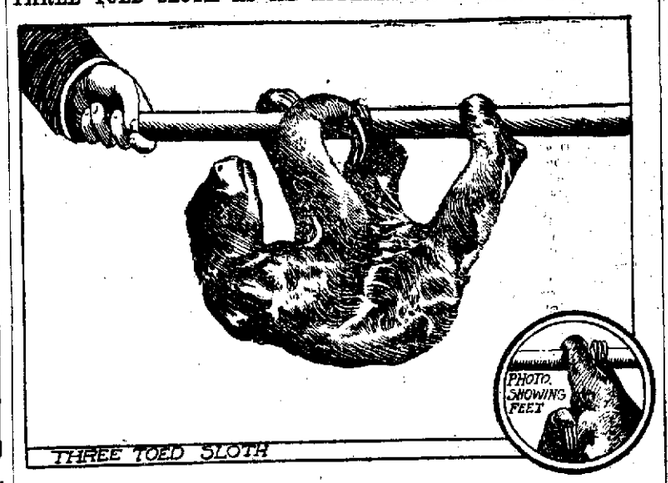
Unique Phases of Life From All Over the World

MACEDONIAN WOMEN WITH CROSS MARKS BETWEEN THEIR EYES.



In the illustration is shown a group of Macedonian women every one of whom bears between the eyes a cross mark put there by her own relatives. This is done to prevent abduction by the Turks. As this mark is never put upon a girl until she begins to show signs of beauty it is a sort of tribute to the personal comeliness of the person so marked. One may be in perfect sympathy with the Macedonians as against the unspeakable Turks and yet question their judgment as connoisseurs of beauty, especially after a glance at some of the portraits shown in the accompanying illustration.

THREE TOED SLOTH AS HE APPEARS IN A NEW YORK ZOO.



THREE TOED SLOTH

The Bronx zoo in New York claims to possess in its specimen of the three toed sloth, a picture of which is shown in the illustration, the laziest animal in the world at present in captivity. This sloth is a native of South America, where it lives in trees, or, rather, perhaps it should be said, in a tree, some animals of the species passing their whole existence in one tree, being either too lazy or unable to indulge in extensive travels, their rate of progress when at their best being about half a mile a day.

ROBERT WALKER MACBETH, "WIZARD OF THE BRUSH."



Robert Walker Macbeth, recently elected a member of the British Royal academy, on scores of occasions has been referred to by the critics as the "wizard of the brush" of today. He was born in Glasgow fifty-five years ago and came naturally by his talent, for his father was Norman Macbeth, the famous portrait painter. At the age of twenty-two, having made something of a local reputation, Robert Macbeth went to London, where his work soon attracted attention. He was employed by several prominent illustrated newspapers and soon began independent work, seldom painting pictures to order. As an etcher he has an international reputation, but he is happiest in his hunting and agricultural pictures in colors.

A LABORER A NOVELIST.

It is not often that a man who has reached the age of fifty years without having advanced beyond the condition of a day laborer succeeds in creating a stir in the literary world, and yet that is just what Hugo Bertsch, a native of Germany, but for many years a resident of New York city, has done. What



HUGO BERTSCH.

is more, the sensation has been created in advance of the publication of Bertsch's book, which is to be called "Brother and Sister." Several eminent authorities read the manuscript and pronounced Bertsch a second Gorki. "Brother and Sister" deals with the struggles of a laboring man and is said to be powerful in the extreme. Bertsch is already at work on a second book, publishers now being anxious to get his manuscripts.

OUR COUNSEL AT THE HAGUE.

When The Hague tribunal for the consideration of the question of preferential treatment of the allied powers and the nonallied governments having claims against Venezuela meets, the interests of the United States will be in good hands. Wayne MacVeagh, whom



WAYNE MACVEAGH.

President Roosevelt has designated as the representative of this government, is recognized as one of the best lawyers in America on international law. He also enjoys a fine reputation as a general civil practitioner. He comes of a distinguished Pennsylvania family, is seventy years old despite his extraordinarily youthful appearance, was attorney general of the United States during the administration of President Garfield and ambassador to Italy during President Cleveland's second term.

TO BUILD A HARBOR BY DESTROYING NEARLY HALF OF GIBRALTAR.



An engineering feat which will astound the world is shortly to be attempted. This involves nothing less than the blasting away of the western half of the supposedly impregnable rock of Gibraltar for the purpose of constructing on that side a harbor which will be out of reach of the Spanish guns to the east which now command the British position. An English captain recently circulated a pamphlet entitled "Gibraltar; a National Danger," in which he demonstrated that the "rock," so far from being an advantage to his government, is in its present form with the harbor on the eastern side really a menace. The illustration gives an idea of how the harbor will appear when completed. The cost of the work will be close on to $35,000,000.

LADY SARAH WILSON.

The lady whose portrait, from her latest photograph, is presented here won fame in South Africa as a war correspondent, was taken prisoner by the Boers, was later exchanged for a "mere man" and lived in Mafeking during the



famous siege. She is Lady Sarah Wilson, a daughter of the seventh Duke of Marlborough, aunt of Winston Spencer Churchill, and, like all Churchills, she has the gift of literary expression and yearns to write a book. It is betraying no secret to state that she is thirty-seven years old and was married a dozen years ago to Captain Gordon Chesney Wilson.

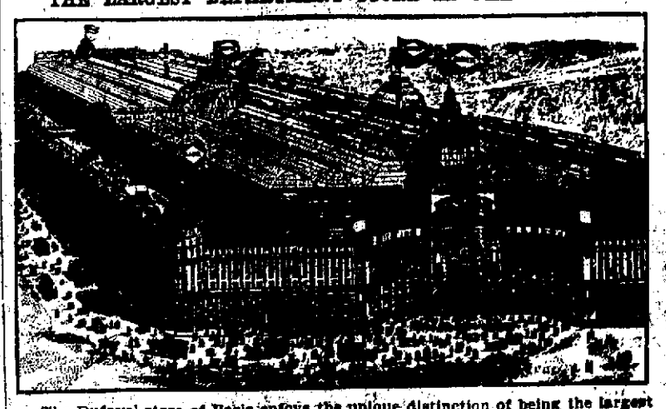
Every one of the large automobile factories is far behind its orders.

HINDOO SOLDIER ON STILTS.

The Rao of Cutch is a Hindoo ruler over some half million people, his principality of about 6,500 square miles being under the government of Bombay. He is very wealthy and very peculiar, one of his fads being a company of 600 retainers mounted on stilts, as shown in the illustration. These soldiers are armed with sword and buckler, in the use of which they are very skillful, as well as in the management of their enormous stilts, which raise them six or eight feet from the ground. In case of war a charge of "automobile cavalry" against the fellows on stilts would surely be worth going miles to see.



THE LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE IN THE WORLD.



The Dufayel store of Paris enjoys the unique distinction of being the largest department store in the world, and that amounts to something these days. It occupies what would be the area of several city blocks, and it is said that one may buy anything there from a pin to an elephant. This mammoth enterprise is said to give employment to more than 5,000 persons, and for the entertainment of customers there are several concerts each day. These are given by a full orchestra. Besides these there are exhibitions of the cinematograph and other forms of amusement, all of which go to make this enormous store one of the show places of the gay French capital. It is asserted that the total investment exceeds 25,000,000 francs (about $5,000,000).

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Delightful Decatur.

Its all about over now but the voting.

The day of the sweet girl graduate is almost upon us.

Saturday, April 18—Paul Revere made his celebrated ride, 1775.

The legislature has killed the prize fight enabling act, otherwise known as a boxing bill.

Mixing religion into politics may be a good thing, but injecting politics into religion is different.

D. B. Hill can attack President Roosevelt but he can't injure him. A jackass can kick at an elephant.

Clarence Wait proposes to introduce the British system of interpolating the government into the city council.

The safest, surest and only satisfactory way for republicans to do is to put a cross in the circle opposite the word "republican."

A flock of geese, it is said, once saved Rome, but Decatur is the only city whose redemption was inaugurated by a fracas with a merry-go-round.

April 18, 1861, Harper's Ferry was seized by the confederates and on the same day the first volunteer soldiers entered the city of Washington.

Vice President Stevenson can now be looked upon as the singed cat of democracy. When he had his mustache burned off it was a closer shave than in 1900.

The alum baking powder business is bringing grief to the baking powder trust in Missouri. Some things can be bought, but they wont always stay bought.

It now looks as though $142,000 would be buried in the mud of the old Illinois and Michigan canal. Still that is better than $199,000 by over $50,000. The old hole should be filled up.

No city in Central Illinois presents a better appearance than Decatur. With all the defamation of her good name she is still the queen of the prairies. Delightful Decatur.

There are 500 honest democrats in Decatur who cannot be fooled into the support of a mayoralty candidate whose nomination was dictated by a few silk-stocking reform republicans.

Having sent most of the St. Louis aldermen to the penitentiary Missouri is now attending to its boodlers in the legislature. This has been quite a spring for housecleaning in the state across the Mississippi.

There does not seem to be a ripple on the sea of oblivion into which Senator Wellington dropped. Had it not been for the talk of a weekly paper by Billy Mason he too would be lost to sight but to memory dear.

In casting about for a name for the Decatur baseball players it might be just as well to call them the "Walters boys." If all three of that name make good they can outvote and probably outplay those of any other name.

It is important that republicans should see that their aldermen are elected. It is as necessary to have a city council as a mayor. The republican candidates are good men and should all be elected.

Arthur Gallagher and J. M. Gray voted against the salary grab bill. As much was to be expected of these men who go to Springfield to represent their constituencies and not to fatten on the public treasury.

A very sensible and well timed article appeared in Saturday morning's Herald from "A Devoted Father." He very properly deprecates the publication of such stuff as Mr. Wait furnishes the reform organ. The homes should be spared such filth.

The general ticket for Tuesday is as follows: For mayor, Charles F. Shilling; for city clerk, Albert Leach; for city attorney, Jacob H. Latham and for city treasurer, Newton Davis. A cross in the circle opposite republican will enable each voter to get into the band wagon at the head of the procession.

Perhaps Candidate Springer would be willing to venture an opinion on the following propositon: Is the prayer meeting to be held all day on election day, in his interest, to be supplemental to his corruption fund or is the corruption fund supplemental to the prayer meeting?

It is said that the friends of Roosevelt are concerned about a manager of his campaign next year. Senator Hanna is spoken of as the one to do it. There is no need for worry. The people will manage Roosevelt's campaign. They may put it into Hanna's hands. No better man could be found.

If the reformers are to be believed Shilling broke up the millenium when he became mayor. Under former administrations even the appearance of evil had been eliminated. However, if Shilling were to be stoned to death it would not be easy to find a sinless ex-mayor to cast the first stone.

In the excitement of electing a mayor the vote on the civil service proposition in the police department should not be overlooked. It requires a majority of all votes cast to be in the affirmative in order that it may be adopted. Not to vote at all is to vote against it. The police department should be like the fire department and not made the football of politics.

The house of representatives has passed a bill increasing the pay of members of the legislature from $1,000 to $2,000. It is said the senate will pass it almost unanimously. Thus the people are to pay for four days a week for about four months this sum of $2,000, or about $31 per day for the days of actual service. Extra sessions are paid for at $5.00 per day. This is certainly ample pay and members voting for this large increase will have some things to explain when they get home.

So far as enforcing the law is concerned just what has Mr. Springer promised to do? His first platform was a hesitatingly expressed "reasonable enforcement." The second was "to the best of my ability." If he had pledged himself to a strict enforcement he would not receive a corporal's guard of democrats. They balked at Stadler's diluted reform administration and openly instructed against his re-nomination. He might get the "reform" vote or at least that portion which lives in Decatur. The democrats want no strict enforcement of the laws and ordinances. If they had wanted it Springer would not have hesitated to pledge himself in the convention.

If it is true that Attorney-General Knox has decided not to proceed against other trusts at the present time, the decision is a wise one, says the Journal. There is no necessity to institute new suits until the scope and meaning of the trust law is finally settled by the supreme court. It would be the part of a mischief maker to proceed against a countless brood of corporations and disturb the confidence of the business world. It would lead to a panic and disaster such as this country has never known, and beggar thousands of people without accomplishing a single good result.

We hope that no appeals of yellow journalism against the trusts will be heard at this time, and no thought of political advantage will be entertained.

A great victory has been gained by the administration. To go slow will conserve its fruits.

There no longer seems doubt but that the long-sought substitute for rags in paper making will soon be found in corn. Under the supervision of the agricultural department at Washington a series of experiments has lately been carried on at Kankakee, Ill. The result of the experiments seems to indicate clearly that the corn plant, all its various parts, may be used in paper-making. The hard shell of the stalk, the pith and the husk, all may be used, it is said, in making different kinds of paper. From the pith may be manufactured the finest grade of oil paper, almost equal to linen. A machine has been invented, which will take the corn stalk, with the ear still on it, husk the ear, separate the husk from the stalk and then remove the shell from the pith. Paper makers, it is said, will send these machines into the fields, with proposals to the farmers to buy the corn crop as it stands. One of Balzac's novels, "David and Eve," is almost wholly taken up with the efforts of the hero to find a cheap substitute for rags in paper making. He experiments with rushes, nettles, thistles, weeds of all kinds, but unfortunately was not turned loose in an Iowa corn field.—The Star.

THE MONEY GRABBERS.

Bloomington's bill for $10,000 for an armory went up against opposition, and in order to stay the feeling against the measure, it was laid over, says the Springfield Register. When the bill was read Caleb Johnson, of the democratic side, raised an objection against such appropriations.

"I desire to take this method to protest against the manner in which this house is considering these bills," he said. "Here we are considering these measures on the order of second reading, at the point where it is our duty to amend them if they are not correct, without knowing what we are doing. These bills carry appropriations for three millions of dollars, and we are allowing them to go along without even having them read so we can understand them.

"I think it is time to call attention to what we are doing. We have been passing all sorts of bills for private purposes. We have bee-keepers' bills, and dairymen's bills, and bills for a whole lot of things of this sort, and now we have a bill to buy an armory for the city of Bloomington. I move to strike out the enacting clause of this measure."

PLEASE FIND SPRINGER.

The democratic city committee is persistently assuring the "liberal element" that Springer will give them a liberal administration and that in that case J. S. Starr, having no other object in view than the defeat of Shilling, will cease his crusade and let Springer run the administration to suit himself. The same committee for effect declare that Starr will continue his crusade against saloons and gamblers if Shilling is re-elected. This is part of the "reform" campaign. The other part of it consists of that enacted by the J. S. Starr end of the "reform." They are assuring the "moral" element of the "reform movement" that Springer is all right and if elected will finish the crusade by driving every harlot out of the city and will compel every saloon to observe the law and prevent them opening up or remaining open at unlawful times and on Sunday.

The public may get along with these conflicting promises during this campaign, but in case of Springer's election, that gentleman will have to show by his actions which one of these campaign stories is true and in that case he will deceive one side or the other. There is no escape from this result except his defeat.

Considering these things it might be well about this time to find out where Springer stands if the facts can be twisted out of him and his keeper, J. S. Starr. The good people were deceived in the mayoralty campaign of 1893 by the same kind of double and conflicting promises during the campaign. They cannot afford, in deference to their good judgment, to be deceived again. History, it is said, repeats itself, but ten years is too short a time for that kind of evolution. It is true Springer said the night he was nominated that if elected he would have "a reasonable enforcement of the laws and ordinances" but this declaration seemed to be unsatisfactory as bait for the "liberal" and "moral" alike and he tried another tack by declaring that if elected he would, "to the best of his ability, enforce the laws and ordinances." It took some time to hatch up this latter declaration. It is supposed to be a masterpiece satisfactory to the "liberal" as well as the "moral" element but that does not dispose of the fact that in case of his election one wing of his support or the other will be disappointed. It does not even remove the danger of a successful effort on his part to justify on the ground that he has no ability. A court has just decided that the oath of a mayor does not place upon him the burden of enforcing the laws and ordinances in relation to saloons, gamblers and bawdy houses, in the case of the case of the people vs the mayor of Spokane and Springer might under that decision become too tired to undertake the task. Reasons might be multiplied why both the conflicting elements who are depending upon him should require him to define his position fairly and squarely. It is time to know where Springer stands and who he is trying to dodge.

BELIEF AND FACTS.

The Herald must decline at this juncture to enter into a controversy with Clarence Wait on what he has discovered touching the morals of the city which seems to be limited to the discovery of one "spotted heifer," with the priority of discovery in dispute between him and J. S. Starr. Mr. Wait now holds the certificate but Starr claims to have discovered it, and unless the latter had it recorded the former may yet succeed in appropriating all the glory. But that is a matter between these men and in which the Herald is not disposed to interfere. The Herald will, however, venture this suggestion to Mr. Wait: Older men have discovered by experience that belief is not evidence that the fact exists. The existence of a fact is established only by knowledge. Prejudice, passion or credulity too often is the only foundation for very robust beliefs It is always much easier to arrive at conclusions through the instrumentality of one's passions and prejudices than to follow the law of reason to reach conclusions, hence many men, who are not careful as to treating their fellow men justly, take the easier method of forming opinions of men. This seems to be the method chosen by the present "reform" leaders in relation to Mayor Shilling's administration. This error eliminated from Mr. Wait's article would destroy it and the same can be said of the entire reform movement.

SPECIAL REDEMPTION.

That was an inspiring whoop-em-up which appeared in the "reform" organ Wednesday evening. It was intended to make the husband forsake his wife; the wife her husband; the parents their children; the children their parents and even cause sweethearts to be drawn asunder to get into the new God and morality dispensation ushered in by the J. S. Starr-Titus Totter Springer political merger. The alleged rottenness of an administration in Springfield is held up, the X rays turned upon it for Decatur reform republicans and an inspiring story is told of how the republicans went to the polls determined to down the gang, how they even asked the over-worked democratic "reform" committeemen to leave the polls and rest and give them a chance to show their loyalty to "reform" by work for the democratic ticket. The "organ" also graphically describes the result of the election in Springfield and how the city was redeemed by the election of the democratic city ticket. It failed to note that neither the democrats nor their city candidates promised any reform and have not yet and are not at all likely to grant any. It forgot to note the factional war in that city among republicans that became so hot over the contest for mayor before the primaries that the breach could not be healed and was carried to the polls.

But none of these things are necessarily considered by the "organ" in order to proclaim a redemption. It proclaimed a redemption of the country when Cleveland was elected in 1892 and proposed to redeem it again in 1896 with W. J. Bryan. It proclaimed a redemption of the state when John P. Altgeld was elected governor of Illinois and expressed a desire to carry on the redemption when he was renominated. It advocated the redemption of Decatur in 1893 and when its candidate for mayor was elected, by the assistance of republican reformers, it called it redemption, but when its redeemers gave the saloons, gamblers and bawdy houses carte blanche to do as they pleased, its memory suddenly failed and not a word of complaint did it utter for two years. In 1899 another democratic candidate for mayor had some republican reformers behind him, and again the organ cried for the redemption of the city. That candidate was elected. The organ proclaimed another redemption but when the mayor-elect failed to appoint the democrats the organ wanted as chief of police, street superintendent and so on, and also failed to carry out the side promises made by the push to the liberal element, the organ spit upon him and dropped the redemption racket. This naturally creates a robust and active suspicion that the organ's conception of redemption is the defeat of the republican ticket.

Perhaps this notion inspired the whoop-her-up dissertation on the Springfield election. In any event it did not apply its logic to the elections in St. Louis and Chicago where democratic mayors succeeded democrats and where a fight was made for reform. Take St. Louis, for example. From that city, while under democratic control, during the last 12 months men connected with the city administration have been sent to the penitentiary in gangs of fours and sixes for corruption and yet at the recent city election no such inspiring spectacle was presented as the one in Springfield referred to by the organ. In St. Louis there were no democratic reformers at the polls to relieve the tired republicans and ask the latter to give them a chance to down the gang. ("Not on your tin type"—Clarence Wait). They stood nobly by the gang and carried the city by 18,000 plurality. The same is true of the conduct of the "reform" democrats in Chicago and when the returns came in the "reform" organ simply sent up a loyal prayer and chronicled the result as a democratic victory. Of course the "organ" desires the redemption of Decatur but it appears that its notion of the redemption of a city never becomes operative until it can fire at a republican.

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Cat Bite Fatal.

Mrs. Maria Parr of South Bartonville, died at the Cottage Hospital, Peoria, Friday, the result of a cat bite. Two weeks ago her pet cat lacerated her hand, while at play. She was immediately seized with hysterics, which shocked her nervous system, and at the end of four days, acute dementia developed. Then her hand and arms began to swell and on her physician's advice, was given treatment at a hospital. They are now considering the cause of death. It is clearly the result of being bitten by the cat, which was evidently mad, for it sprang at its victim and planted its teeth deep in her hand.

CRITICALLY ILL.

Condition of Mrs. James Shoaff Is Alarming.

Mrs. Walter Colladay went to Paris, Ill., Friday morning having been called there on account of the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. James Shoaff who is 79 years old and has been suffering an attack of grip for several weeks past.

New Paving Contracts.

The contracts for the asphalt paving on Bradford street, Central avenue and Water street will be let April 25.

All property owners who want to make sewer, water or gas connections must do so at once so that all such connections will be finished before the paving of the streets begins.

Hears of Sister's Death.

Mrs. J. M. Dodd, wife of the county clerk, received a telegram Friday announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. John S. Gaylord, which occurred at McConnelsville, Ohio.

Mrs. Dodd is ill and will be unable to attend the funeral.

PRESENT-DAY FAMILIES.

President Received Many Letters On the Subject.

The discussion through the newspapers of the size of the present day families as affecting the country's future, occasioned by President Eliot's investigation and by President Roosevelt's letter of introduction to a new book, has reflected itself largely in the White House mail. The president is getting hundreds of letters of congratulation on his phrase, "race suicide," as well as all sorts of practical suggestions for a campaign to cure the evil. One of the amusing incidents was the receipt at the White House yesterday of a photograph of a Detroit family group, consisting of a young-looking man and wife and twelve children. No name was attached or other mark, except the laconic legend: "Not guilty."

An interesting phase of this population question, by the way, concerns the south. Families there are still large. The ten-child home, so largely reduced to a tradition in the north, is by no means unusual. The economic restraint is less operative. In rural regions, where space and food and fuel are inexpensive, the rearing of a family of ten children is not the burden proportionately that it is in the urban communities of the north, where every occupied room means added cost, and where the requirements of life are so high. How long the large family habit of the south will last remains to be seen; the day it stops the colored brother will come in to possess the land, for it will be several generations at least before the preventive checks, so-called, will affect his rate of increase.

Twenty years ago there was a stir among sociologists over the rapidity of the increase of the colored population between the censuses of 1870 and of 1880. It was feared that the negro was outpopulating the Caucasian, and that in time the whole south would become Africanized. Later censuses have quieted this alarm. It should, however, be regarded as premature rather than baseless. The census of 1900 showed that the negroes of this country were maintaining a rate of increase, without the addition of any colored immigration, which was well alongside the white increase, recruited as it is by half a million Europeans a year. The south gets little of this immigration. Were its white families to drop to the size of the families of New England of English descent, toward which some tendency is already observable, the negro would quickly pass from the numerical minority he now constitutes in most of the states to an actual majority, and soon to a very large one.—New York Post.

Wills Filed.

Three wills were filed for probate in the county court Saturday. Judge Smith set a time for the hearing on each petition as follows:

Will of Sarah A. Murphy, May 25.
Will of Ann Fielding, May 18.
Will of Sarah Henson, May 19.

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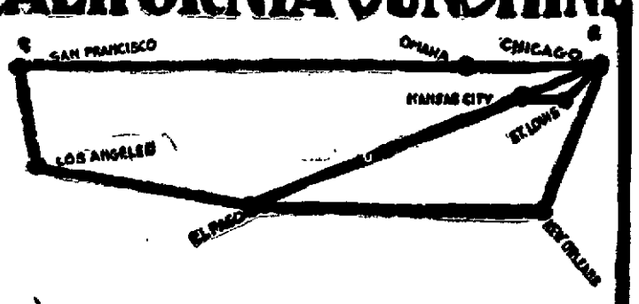
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Clinton.

Miss Emma Longley and John McCormick were married at the St. John's Catholic church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. M. A. Dooling officiating. Miss Nellie Thomas played the wedding march and the attendants were Kate and Will Mahoney. Both the bride and groom are well known here. The latter is a switchman at this point. They will go to housekeeping soon in a house on North George street.

Mrs. A. Hobson and Solomon Cross are visiting relatives in Maroa.

A company of Spanish-American war veterans is to be organized here. A meeting will be held in the Times office Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to have the applications for a charter signed. There are about forty veterans in this community, and the camp will probably have a good membership.

Elza Craig of Kenney bought two lots in Greenhouse block for $1,500 and will erect two handsome residences thereon.

Fireman Will McIntyre fell off an engine between Farmer City and Weedman Wednesday morning and was seriously injured.

George Hume has purchased a house and two lots on East North street of George Kummler for $1,400.

Rev. E. A. Gilliland has returned from Taylorville, where he attended the Central Illinois Ministerial Institute of the Christian church, Tuesday and Wednesday. At the Wednesday forenoon session he read a paper on "Evangelism Among the Desciples." About sixty ministers were in attendance and the institute was a success.

The school at DeWitt closed with a picnic Wednesday.

Miss Allie Miller of Maroa visited Miss Mary Swan.

Elmer Morrow of the senior class met with a serious injury at the high school Wednesday afternoon. He and Will Camp were in the laboratory experimenting and were heating some water over an alcohol lamp when the lamp exploded, burning Morrow's face and setting fire to the laboratory. By their combined efforts the fire was extinguished but Morrow is suffering with a badly burned face.

I. G. Adams will represent the members of the O. R. T. of the Springfield division at the meeting of the general committee of telegraphers held in Memphis, Tenn., on the 20th for the purpose of revising the present schedule.

Mr. Gregory, who is operator at the east yards, is working in the dispatcher's office on the second floor at night at the depot in place of Operator F. A. Moore, who was called to Decatur by the illness of his wife and children.

Civil Engineer W. W. Rundle, who has been chairman at this point, has been transferred to Memphis, Tenn., where he will be rodman. Leo Devery of Chicago will be his successor at this point.

Roadmaster Thompson of the Chicago division was here Tuesday consulting with Chief Engineer J. C. Gray concerning work on the Chicago division. The steam shovel has gone to work on that division.

Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Eads, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Inez Maude, to John Charles Newton. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by the Rev. James Barnett of Eureka, who is a cousin of the bride. The attendants were Miss Lula Neal and M. P. Redmon. After the ceremony a supper was served. The guests were relatives and immediate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton will visit points of interest throughout the west and will be at home at 424 North Mulbery street after May 10th. The groom is a son of Joseph Newton of Farmer City and is ticket agent for the I. C. at this city. Those present from out of the city were: S. C. Newton of Weedman; Mr. and Mrs. John I. Barnett, Hallsville; Mr. and Mrs. George Neyhard, Decatur; Rev. and Mrs. James Barnett, Eureka.

At the annual meeting of the DeWitt county Medical society in the county court room Tuesday, the following officers were elected: President, J. C. Myers; vice president, S. L. Thorpe; secretary and treasurer, J. H. Tyler; A. E. Campbell, delegate to State Medical Society; alternate, Guy Dowdall.

The Home Interest committee of the Business Men's association met at C. H. Righter's Tuesday night. Carl Jones and John T. Sprague were appointed to look up a suitable place for new hitch racks.

E. Hertzog of the dispatcher's office on the second floor of the depot, will act as ticket agent during the absence of J. C. Newton. M. L. Evans has been transferred to the second floor to take Hertzog's place while R. S. Wallace of the east yards has Evans' place as day operator.

April 17.

The Egg Market.

The heavy roads made the egg market dull last week and the receipts were light. The shippers did not handle half as many as would have been the case if the weather had been pleasant and the roads passable. The price for small lots ranged from 12 1-2 to 13 cents. In some instances where the seller had upwards of one hundred cases to offer he was paid as much as 13 1-2 cents per dozen.

Got His Scalp.

Two farmers who were in the city Saturday had the hide of a ground hog which they had killed. The hide had been recently removed. The trophy attracted a good deal of attention and the farmers when exhibiting the skin had quite a crowd around them.

SEVERE ATTACK OF GRIP.

Cured By One Bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"When I had an attack of the grip last winter (the second one) I actually cured myself with one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," says Frank W. Perry, Editor of the Enterprise, Shortsville, N. Y. "This is the honest truth. I at times kept from coughing myself to pieces by taking a teaspoonful of this remedy, and when the coughing spell would come on at night I would take a dose and it seemed that in the briefest interval the cough would pass off and I would go to sleep perfectly free from cough and its accompanying pains. To say that the remedy acted as a most agreeable surprise is putting it very mildly. I had no idea that it would or could knock out the grip, simply because I had never tried it for such a purpose, but it did, and it seemed with the second attack of coughing the remedy caused it to not only be of less duration, but the pains were far less severe, and I had not used the contents of one bottle before M. Grip had bid me adieu." For sale by all druggists.

TRAMP THIEF ARRESTED.

Says That His Home Is In Decatur—Had the Goods.

A man who gave his name as Frank Johnson and said that his home was in Decatur, was arrested at Dalton City yesterday for robbing the residence of H. Mahannah near Lovington. The robbery was discovered shortly after it occurred and the thief was pursued along the railroad track by Mr. Mahannah to Dalton City. There the services of Conductor Mike Hicks of the Illinois Central and this crew were enlisted and for their share of the work they were given $10. The thief when arrested had in his possession two watches and $28 in cash stolen from the Mahannah residence.

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Marriage Licenses.

William Geloneck, Decatur 20
Annie Reinhold, Decatur 17

Farmers' Elevator.

The farmers near Rowell will organize a company for managing a grain elevator.

Marriage Licenses.

Willis H. Butler, Decatur 36
Lillian Durbin, Decatur 30

Deeds Recorded.

Austin Durham to Henry Knowles, lot 24 in block 6 of Higgins' addition to Decatur; $1,000.

Albert Barnes, administrator, to John C. Mendosa, lot 4 in block 3 of Yates & King's addition to Decatur; $1,530.

Samuel Dillehunt to Otis McNelly et al., 60 acres off the east end of lots 4 and 5 in block 12 in Blue Mound; $1,010.

John L. Kitchen to Frederick E. Florey, lot 5 in block 2 of Whitchel's addition to Decatur; $1,500.

Fannie V. Stafford to Daniel Brintlinger and A. J. Hoege, lot 1 in H. S. Evans' subdivision of a part of the northwest quarter of 15, 16, 2 east; $1,500.

William H. Bean to Henry W. Baldridge, lot 7 in block 2 of P. H. Brueck's second addition to Decatur; $1,850.

William R. Roberts to Otis Gross, the east half of lot 1 in S. S. Jack's addition and also lot 1 in David Cameron's resurvey of Jack's addition; $3,500.

Noah M. Jacobs to Jacob Sheets, the north half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of 34, 16, 3 east; $775.

Decadent Kansas.

These are parlous times in western Kansas. The Hays City Republican notes, more in sorrow than in anger, that at the recent Masonic banquet in that town no less than six men wore "spiketails." And the Anthony Republican, speaking of its own city, says: "The new crowd that is coming on, sprouting mustaches one week and shaving them off the next, practicing the courtesy and posing before the mirror to find the limits of lowness for a ball gown, is investing in raiment that befits the joyous and regular reveler. The spiketail coats in this town already numbers eight, although some of the owners lack the courage of wear them at home. A careful count locates twenty-seven pretty dresses cut round the neck to show the pretty dimple over the collar bone nature made to hold a locket. There are eleven square neck gowns that are very fetching when their owners are in them, and three gowns that are very swell—and low."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Meet and Turn Township Funds Over to New Supervisor.

The retiring supervisor of Decatur township, J. H. Record, met his successor, E. G. Allen, Saturday afternoon and turned over to Mr. Allen the township money in his hands. The money amounted to about $1,000.

Mr. Allen will do all the rest of the settling with himself, Mr. Allen as retiring collector must settle with Allen as incoming supervisor and turn over the funds due the township and collected in the shape of taxes.

Clerk Colvin has on hands the orders for election bills and other bills which were allowed and is anxious that those who have money due from the township call and get their orders.

The highway commissioners will hold a meeting Tuesday to organize. A treasurer will be selected. If the usual custom is followed Henry Ammann, who is the senior member of the board will be chosen treasurer. The new board will discuss the plans of expenditure for the coming year.

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PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

New Buildings, Etc., for the State Fair Grounds.

Plans for the new dairy building, the steel coverings for the walks and for extensions to the present covering between the machinery hall and the dome building have been prepared and they are on exhibition in the office of the secretary of the state board of agriculture. The plans have been made by Reeves & Bailie, of Peoria. The first is the dairly building. It is to be 162 by 64 feet, two stories in height. The structure is plain. One each side of the main entrance are two groups of three windows each. These have circular tops and the stone and brick above is set in circular form. Between the two sets of windows there is a column. The entrance itself is high with portico effect flanked by graceful columns. On each side of the vestibules are offices. On the opposite side of the building there is a similar entrance and on each side of its vestibule are the toilet rooms. The interior of the building is one large room for exhibits. The plans for the covered walks include all the cement walks leading from the dome building to the exposition hall. The roof is to be supported by attractive steel posts. The pavilions will be twenty feet wide and along the top of the roof and along the sides will run ornamental iron work. The wide span is across the driveway between the two buildings. The architect has also drawn plans for widening the covered roof of the connection between the dome and machinery hall. There will be additions on each side similar to the eves on the main portion of the machinery hall annex. This will widen the covered exposition space so as to do away with a large number of the tents which now must be used.

Pains in the limbs, shoulders, and swollen joints are positive symptoms of Rheumatism. Sennewald's prescription FOUR THOUSAND is only prepared to cure Rheumatism and consequently is reliable and will cure you. For sale by druggists.

He Found a Cant Hook.

The countryman in the city has been the butt of countless stories, but this one of the city man in the country matches the best of them. The young man who was "learning the ropes," was one day dispatched in haste from the timber lot, where the men were getting out logs for a building, to the barn for a cant hook, with which logs are rolled. He had not the slightest inking as to what a cant hook might be, but, to avoid being laughed at for ignorance, determined to go to the barn without question, hoping to see something that might answer the description suggested by the name. After a long asence, he was seen returning, leading "old Mooley," the hornless cow. "Here," he said, "this is the only thing I saw at the barn that ought to hook and can't.

THE ILLINOIS M. W. OF A.

Will Require Two Days to Dispose of Their Business.

After making a rough sketch of the program for the coming state convention of Modern Woodmen of Illinois, the committee in charge have made up their minds that it will be impossible to transact all of the business within the time first thought necessary. The program first fixed adjournment late in the afternoon of May 6. After thoroughly investigating the question Judge White of Pontiac, the state consul, expressed the opinion that it would be impossible to accomplish all of the business in the single day and it has now been determined to draw up a new program which will allow for two days' convention.

This decision will certainly be welcome news to the hotel keepers and others of Bloomington. The hundreds of delegates and sightseers who will be here will disburse twice the sum of money first anticipated and there will be several thousand dollars more in the tills of local business enterprises than first looked for.

After the committee had completed the business Thursday afternoon Judge White and P. W. Coleman made the rounds of the Grand Opera house, Coliseum and Odd Fellows' temple to investigate the needs of the convention. It was found that the state photographers' association would occupy the Coliseum during the day but would waive the use of the building at night. There is a stock company at the Grand all that week but the histrions will not use the house during the day time. It was decided therefore to use the Grand for the day sessions Wednesday and Thursday, the Coliseum for a night session of a social nature Wednesday night while the Odd Fellows' temple will be used Tuesday evening for the preliminary entertainment by the local lodges in honor of the visitors.

The revised program allowing for a two days' convention will be drawn up within a few days and forwarded to the local camps and also sent to various other camps in the state.—Bloomington Bulletin.

Maroa.

The work of taking down the old water tower and tank is going along satisfactorily.

The following ticket was nominated for the school election at a mass meeting on Thursday evening: For president of the board of education, B. F. Shipley; for members of the board of education, Mrs. Margaret P. McLean, Mrs. A. F. Smelz.

J. Crocker and Thomas Costello went to Chicago on Friday morning.

Miss Rinehart of Clinton was in Maroa on Friday.

Dr. D. S. Anderson was in Bloomington on Thursday.

Charles C. Smith has purchased the residence property of Miss Mollie E. Craig on Walnut street, and will occupy it with his family in the near future.

J. P. Parker was in Macon this week looking after his farming interests in that locality.

Mr. Roberts of Decatur is moving a house for John Hoffman this week.

Sheriff Thrift of Decatur was in Maroa Thursday on official business.

The official ballot for the election next Tuesday has been printed, and the name of the anti-license candidate for alderman of the first ward is placed on the ballot. The party failed to make a nomination in the time limited by law, but in the absence of any objections the authorities placed the name of their candidate nominated later on the official ballot.

Dr. Will Wood of Decatur was in Maroa last Thursday visiting his brother, Dr. C. M. Wood.

Thomas Costello returned on Wednesday from a trip to Hot Springs, Ark.

D. W. Warwick and wife left on Friday for Kansas City, Mo., where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt left on Thursday for their home in Kansas City.

Mrs. Mary Grady, an old resident of Maroa, had the misfortune this week to fall and break her hip. She is over 80 years old and has been a resident of Maroa for more than forty years.

There is quite a muddle in political affairs in Texas township over the recent township election. The judges and clerks of the election after the polls were closed in the evening, counted the votes and announced the results. The ballots were not sealed up, but were left with the poll books and tally sheets in the school house where the election was held over night. The next day the canvassing board met, recounted the ballot, revised the tally sheets, and announced a different result. It is thought that there was no intention of doing anything wrong by the convassers. They believed it was their duty to recount the ballots, and make the returns acording to what was shown in the recount of the ballots. About the only change made in the result by the recount of the votes was in the office of town clerk. The count by the judges showed the election of Queerfield, the republican candidate, and the recount of the ballots by the township board of canvassers showed the election of McKinnie, democrat, to that office. Queerfield presented himself to the town clerk, who by the way is McKinnie, his opponent, to be sworn into office, when McKinnie informed him that he would not administer the oath of office to him, as he, McKinnie, had been elected to the office. The matter will probably find its way into the courts.

AN UP-TO-DATE MINE.

Barclay Coal Company Has Just Installed Electric Service.

A system of electric transmission and lighting has been installed in the mine of the Barclay Coal Mining company at Barclay and has just been put into operation. It is a complete success and makes the mine one of the models in the state. The workings have reached a distance of a mile from the bottom of the shaft and the cost of hauling the coal that far was a large sum and cut into the profits immensely. The electric road is operated on the principle of the third rail, such as cars are propelled on the elevated roads in the cities. The new track is constructer as substantially as a steam road. The curves are carefully laid and the whole lines is ballasted. The frogs and switches are of the most approved and up-to-date patterns. The motor has a capacity to haul forty or fifty tons of coal at a fast speed. The motor car and train move along as smoothly as a car on a street railway and the load of forty tons is pulled with ease. The main tunnel or entry is equipped with electric lights and can be made as bright as day. The track on which the coal is moved has a two per cent. grade nearly half way. The new system does away with the mule and mule drivers. The power for the system is obtained from an engine and dynamo on top of the ground. This system is the only one of the kind in operation in this district, but it is believed that before many years it will be in general use everywhere, as the saving in cost of transportation will soon pay for it.

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We assure our readers that the Salvona Supplies Company is thoroughly reliable.—Editor.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Statistics Showing the Growth and Importance of the Business.

The life companies on the 1st of January last had assets amounting to $2,100,138,473, a gain of $187,778,198 over the previous year; their surplus over all liabilities amounted to $295,629,768, a gain of $18,409,797 during the year; they received in premiums $407,360,463, making a gain of $47,449,801; they paid to policyholders $199,737,287, being $12,283,800 more than was paid in settlement of all claims in the preceeding year; the total amount of insurance in force was $8,719,213,793, showing a gain during the year of $921,811,625. This does not include $1,805,164,072 of industrial insurance in force, this branch of the business showing a gain of $164,064,551 over the industrial insurance in force at the close of 1901. The aggregates for five years show that since 1898 the companies have gained in ordinary insurance in force $3,020,835,908, and in industrial insurance $695,090,583. The enormous sum of nearly $200,000,000 distributed in a single year in the payment of claims arising under matured policies conferred a benefit upon the community that can scarcely be realized, protecting the widows and orphans and saving families from penury and want. The entire assets of the companies, aggregating over $2,100,000,000, is the property of the policyholders, held as a sacred trust fund to guarantee the payment of every policy contract entered into by the companies at its maturity. No other business can show corresponding gains in every material respect as do the life insurance companies, while the volume of assets they hold make them a most important factor in the financial and commercial life of the country.—Insurance Spectator.

NOT THE FIRST

Macon County Has Had Woman Carrier for Months.

Mrs. Alice L. Law has been appointed substitute mail carrier on rural route No. 2 from Bloomington. She is the wife of Harry Law, who was appointed regular carrier on route No. 2, vice Bert Castle, resigned. Mrs. Law is the only woman named as carrier or substitute carrier in this part of the state, and in fact there are very few such anywhere in the United States.—Bloomington Pantagraph.

Mrs. S. L. Croy has been carrying mail in this county for months. She carried a long route during the very severe weather.

PROBLEMS OF WINTER WHEAT.

What Kind of Weather Helps the Crop and What Endangers It.

In the city a heavy fall of snow is generally regarded as a nuisance. In the agricultural districts a very different view is taken; and, as a matter of fact, a general and widespread snowstorm such as this week's, is of incalculable value to the country as a whole. It has been justly said that "snow is the poor man's fertilizer."

Winter wheat is a hardy plant and well adapted by nature to withstand the vicissitudes of the winter weather. This is especially true, in view of the modern methods of farming. The grain is nowadays planted by the use of machinery. On good dry soil it reaches a depth of about four inches, and occasionally more, instead of being sown broad cast on the surface as formerly. As a consequence the roots are able to go down deep into the soil, where there is usually plenty of moisure, so that they become strong and vigorous, and not easily hurt.

There is, in fact very little danger of serious injury to winter wheat by frosts, provided the temperature remains uniformly cold. The time when real apprehension is felt by winter-wheat farmers is when weather is variable, one day cold and the next mild, or alternately thawing and freezing. Such weather serves to crack the surface of the soil, causing small upheavals, which are calculated to expose the roots of the winter wheat when they are near the surface.

It is, therefore, pretty generally recognized that the critical month for the winter wheat crop is March, for the obvious reason that the weather is then likely to be unsettled and variable. No one need wonder, therefore, that farmers are happy when the ground is covered by snow during the last half of February and early in March. A good blanket of snow in March is also welcomed because it prevents damage by high winds, which otherwise might blow the dirt away from the roots, in case they had been exposed through alternate thawing and freezing.

Snow is not only useful for growing crops but it is also highly desirable for coming crops, because it leaves the soil in favorable condition. For one thing, it keeps the frost from going excessively deep, and, furthermore, leaves the ground soft and moist, so that it is possible to get the seed in early in the spring. Generally, too, it assures prompt germination.

The importance of the abundance of snow was proved in 1900, the year when the spring wheat production was decidedly short. The enormous loss, that year, was largely ascribed to a long drought in the spring. But experienced members of the grain trade are well aware that the crop made a very poor start, the ground being hard and dry, clearly because there had been extremely light snowfalls during the winter of 1899-1900. Therefore in many places, especially on high ground, the seed germinated poorly. As a rule the young plant was weak and sickly, and was left in no condition to stand the long drought which ensued.—New York Evening Post.

THE DEATH RECORD.

J. Richard Mays.

J. Richard Mays, whose home is in Macon, died at 3 o'clock p. m. Friday at the apartments of his brother, William Mays, in the Manitou block on North Water street. He was 58 years old and a complication of diseases caused his death.

Mr. Mays made his home in Macon but came to Decatur last November and has since been living with his brother's family.

The body will be taken to Macon for burial.

Prairie Home.

The young men enjoyed an egg roast Saturday evening near R. A. Patton's store.

D. R. Coulter and Ed Murphy were Bethany visitors Wednesday.

W. L. Wright and C. E. Cox were in Bethany Wednesday.

R. A. Patton has started his huckster wagon which the people appreciate as the roads are still so muddy.

2,000,000 TONS of GOLD ORE

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AMED HURLBURT

Zion Supervisor Elected Chairman At Special Meeting of the Supervisors.

EIGAND CHOSEN AS OVERSEER.

rand Jury Selected and Other Business of the Special Session.

E. R. Hurlburt is the new chairman the board of supervisors. He was osen at the meeting held Monday ternoon for the purpose of organizaon.

At the opening of the meeting there as a contest for temporary chairman etween James Henson and C. J. ucker. A vote was taken and Tuckr was chosen, the vote being 17 to 9. A committee composed of Supervisrs Armstrong, Cussins and Cooper as appointed to act on the credentials. ey examined the credentials of the ew members and recommended that e following be admitted as members the board:

Harristown—R. O. VanGuilder.
Hickory Point—D. E. Britt
Illini—C. J. Tucker.
Maroa—Charles G. Persinger.
Milam—Cornelius Drysdale.
Mt. Zion—E. R. Hurlburt.
South Macon—E. L. Hight.
South Wheatland—N. E. Stickel.
Decatur—E. G. Allen, W. A. Holman, Henry Schile, T. J. Abel, G. W. Martin.

These new members were seated on e board and the next business tak- up was the election of a permanent airman. There were three candi- tes, E. R. Hurlburt of Mt. Zion, orge Johnston of Austin and J. A. ssins of Niantic.

The result of the informal ballot as as follows. Hurlburt, 16. Johnton, 4, Cussins, 5.

Mr. Cussins withdrew and the first llot resulted as follows: Hurlburt, and Johnston, 4. Mr. Hurlburt as declared elected.

On taking the chair Mr. Hurlburt ade a speech. He expressed his hanks for the honor, told how he ould try to do his best in the place nd said that he would try to feel the esponsibilities of the office as much s he was pleased with the honor hich had been conferred upon him.

E. G. Allen, the newly elected supervisor from Decatur township resigned he position of overseer of the poor nd the salary for that office was xed at $80 a month.

The candidates for the place were S Stevenson, R. J. Roberts, J. W. Veigand and Martin Davis. The latter did not receive any votes on the nformal ballots. Roberts got 15, Veigand 9 and Stevenson 2.

On the first ballot Weigand was ected, receiving 15 votes and Roberts 9.

E. R. Moffitt's bond as supervisor of assessments for $2,000 was approved.

The old rules of the board were dopted for the new board.

On motion of Mr. Stoy it was decided o buy a new flag for the court house.

Mr. Hollinger was instructed to buy book typewriter for the circuit clerk's ffice and committees were instructed o get contracts for heat and coal.

The following were selected as grand rors for the next term of court:

Decatur—James Steele, Robert owles, Robert Bivans, Noble E. Davis, Harvey Downing, J. C. Mendonsa, harles Henry, Sr.
Austin—H. Peverly.
Blue Mound—James Jordan.
Friends Creek—L. A. Melvin.
Harristown—John C. Hartwig.
Hickory Point—A. J. Trimmer.
Illini—J. J. Binkley.
Long Creek—J. W. McDonald.
Maroa—George H Vernon.
Milam—W. T. Wilson.
Mt. Zion—T. F. Bilby, Sr.
Niantic—J. A. Hawks.
Oakley—J. P. Lichtenberger.
Pleasant View—Frank Trainer.
Macon—A. L. Fleming.
Wheatland—J. T. Jones.
Whitmore—W. F. Fombelle.

The matter on the bids for the improvements on the jail building was ostponed. It will be taken up at a pecial meeting to be held next Monay.

BURIED IN A CORN BIN

ut it is Believed that George Sullivan Died of Heart Disease While at Work.

ATALITY AT ARGENTA MONDAY

George Sullivan, a man employed at Gerber & McCarty elevator at entu, died in a corn bin in the vator Monday morning about 9 lock. It is thought that his death as due to heart trouble and that he ll end was covered by the shelled orn.

Deputy Coroner Fred Perry went to Argenta and held an inquest Monday afternoon. The evidence showed that Sullivan worked at a bin at the top of the elevator. It was noticed below that the corn was not coming down rom the bin. An investigation roved that Sullivan was buried under the shelled corn.

The sides of the bin were torn off and the man taken out, but he was dead.

Dr. Thomas testified that he had treated the man for valvular heart rouble and it was the opinion of the jury that he had died suddenly and hen fell into the corn. The position of the body indicated that this as the case.

Sullivan was 63 years of age and ad a wife and several children. His ome was at Newburg near Argenta. e belonged to the G. A. R.

The funeral will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday from the residence.

Cut His Head.

Patrick Flynn, an old man, was runk on South Park street Monday fternoon. He fell and struck his head n the sidewalk and inflicted a bad calp wound. Flynn was taken to he county dispensary and Dr. J. T. iller was called and attended him. lynn was given a bed in the county ail annex.

Casner.

Mrs. E. B. Chapman returned home onday after making a protracted visit ith her sister who lives in Lake harles, La.

Dr. W. C. Bowers of Decatur was alled to Casner Thursday morning to e bedside of P. O. Peck's little aughter, Maggie, who is very sick ith St. Vitus dance.

A new building has recently been ected in Casner by J. E. Tohill.

POLLS OPEN 7 A. M. CLOSE AT 5 P. M.

NEICE JOHNSON FINED $25

Woman Who Stabbed Another On Night of Lincoln Square Dance Got Off Easy.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT

An echo of the dance which was given on Lincoln square when the new asphalt pavement was dedicated was heard in the county court Monday, when Neice Johnson was arraigned on a charge of attempt to kill.

The defendant was the colored woman who stabbed another woman the night the dance occurred. The colored people occupied and danced on the northwest corner of the square, and two of the women got into a quarrel resulting in the Johnson woman stabbing another woman. The latter recovered.

The Johnson woman has been out on bond. She pleaded guilty to one count and was fined $25 and costs and J. F. Roach stood good for the fine for five months. The woman worked in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Roach

Attorneys were busy in the circuit court and there were no trials in the county court but several cases were disposed of in different ways

George S Schuman charged with petit larceny, was discharged under the pauper act.

Charles Wilkerson, charged with embezzlement, had his trial set for April 22.

The case of William Disney, assault and battery, was continued with leave, and the case of William E. Miller, charged with obtaining money under false pretences, was continued until the next term.

The following cases were stricken with leave: Rebecca Weldron, Leonard Robinson, Maggie McGullion.

ARTHUR DUGGAN

Dies of Disease Contracted While Serving With the Army in the Philippines.

MEMBER OF CO. H. 14TH INF.

Came Home With His Health Undermined About a Year Ago.

Arthur Duggan died at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs James Duggan, 1241 North Main street. His death was due to disease which he contracted while serving as a soldier in the U. S. army in the Philippine islands.

Young Duggan was 23 years of age. He was a member of Company H, Fourteenth U. S. Infantry, and he served a year and six months in the islands. He contracted a fever and caught a bad cold and gradually grew worse. He came home about a year ago but his health was so undermined that he was past recovery and a complication of diseases caused his death.

Mr. Duggan was married and leaves a wife, Mrs. Hattie Duggan, and a child ten months old. He also is survived by two uncles and an aunt, Mrs. L. Adams of Morrisonville. Mr. Duggan's father is a bricklayer.

The time of the funeral will be announced later

Emmett Keefe.

Emmett Keefe, the son of former Alderman James Keefe and wife, died at 2 p. m. Monday, April 20, at the family home on St. Louis avenue, aged 28 years. Heart trouble was the cause of death. He is survived by mother and father, two sisters and one brother. He was an undertaker and followed that business in Chicago. He has been in bad health for some time past.

The time of the funeral will be announced later.

Mrs. Susanna Kappes.

Mrs. Susanna Kutherine Kappes, nee Stoll, widow of the late John G. Kappes, died April 20, at 7 30 p. m., at the home of a friend, Mrs. Barbara Seeforth, 159 West Jefferson street. Paralysis caused death.

Mrs. Kappes was born in Baden, Germany, Feb. 20, 1822. She was married in 1845 and came to America in 1852. She was the mother of seven children, two of whom are living. They are Mrs. Gottfried Hoppe and Mrs. Fred Voelcker.

Mrs. Kappes was visiting at Mrs. Seeforth's house Monday, April 13, when she was stricken with paralysis and was never able to be moved.

The funeral will be held from the Seefoth residence Wednesday at 2 p. m. and services will be held at St. Paul's church at 2 30 o'clock.

John Knotts.

John Knotts died at 2 a. m. Sunday, April 19, at his home, 950 South Broadway, aged 70 years and 2 months. Bright's disease was the cause of death. He had been a long sufferer.

Mr. Knotts formerly drove the mail wagon between the postoffice and railroad stations and was quite well known. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock today from the residence and the burial will be at Mt. Zion.

Eva May Smith.

Eva May Smith died at 4 o'clock Monday morning at the home of her step-father, J. L. Petee, in Boody, aged 7 years and 5 months. Diphtheria was the cause of death.

The funeral was held from the residence at 3 o'clock, Monday afternoon.

Joseph B. Robinson.

Joseph B. Robinson died at 6:30 a. m., Sunday, April 19, at his home, 848 North Union street, aged 68 years.

Mr. Robinson conducted a grocery store in the 700 block on North Water street, and was an old soldier and a member of Dunham Post, No. 141, G. A. R.

The funeral services were held at 3 p. m., Monday from the residence. The services were conducted by Rev. J. Bernard and the G. A. R. attended in a body. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Death at Chesterville.

Henry Salzer, aged 63 years, died at his home in Chesterville Monday morning, April 20, at 8 o'clock. He had been in ill health and his death was not entirely unexpected. The deceased was a retired farmer and is survived by his wife and several children. Among them are Mrs. David Latch, Mrs. Z. F. Grooms, Alice and Anna Salzer, of Decatur. The two last named were with their father at his death, and the other two accompanied by their husbands went to Chesterville yesterday afternoon. The other children are John, Elmer and Kate Salzer of Ivesdale. Henry Salzer of Atwood, Leonard and Aurica of Chesterville. The deceased was a member of the U. B. church and the funeral will probably occur on Wednesday, but the hour has not yet been determined.

LEAH SEIBERLING

Surprises Friends by Going to Springfield and Marrying Actor Field

OF THE LILY MORTIMER CO.

Reporter For the Herald Carries News to Young Ladies' Parents.

Miss Leah M. Seiberling of this city and Norman R. Field, an actor in the Lillian Mortimer Theatrical company were married at Springfield Monday. No one in Decatur knew that the marriage was to take place at the time it did

This was the climax of a love affair which started last August when the young actor appeared in Decatur with the company of which he is now a member.

Miss Seiberling met the young man and a correspondence followed. The parents knew that the letters were quite regular and in fact knew that the young people might possibly some day get married, but they never suspected that such was the intention of Miss Seiberling when she left Decatur Monday morning. It was known that the company would be in Springfield and that Miss Seiberling would probably see Mr. Field, but it was supposed that she was only going on a visit. In fact when she left home her parents and some of her friends joked Miss Seiberling about going away to be married, but no one suspected that she really had any intention of the kind.

Miss Seiberling was accompanied from Decatur by Miss Craig, a young lady friend. The news was received in Decatur Monday night that the marriage had taken place and inquiry developed the fact that the license had been secured and that the couple had been married. A friend of the couple who came to Decatur Monday night stated that it was the bride's intention to come back to Decatur and continue in her position as clerk in the office of the circuit clerk until a successor is appointed. It was said that her plans are to soon go to Chicago to make her home with her husband.

No Serious Objection.

Mrs. J. D. Seiberling, the mother of the young lady, was called upon Monday night. She knew absolutely nothing of the marriage. She said:

"My daughter went to Springfield with another young lady and I knew that the theatrical company was to be there and that she would probably see the young man, but did not know she had any idea of getting married.

"Mr. Field was in Decatur with a company last August and it was then that she met him. He is a young man about 22 years old and quite nice looking My daughter is only 19 years of age and they both being so young is the only objection I have.

"I knew the young people had been corresponding and thought they might get married some day on account of their writing so much, but I can not believe that it is true. If they got a license it must be so."

Miss Seiberling is an exceptionally pretty girl and has many friends in the city. She attended the Decatur high school but recently has been employed in the office of the circuit clerk.

The announcement of the marriage will be a great surprise to her friends and her business associates at the court house where she worked.

STORY FROM SPRINGFIELD.

Groom Good Looking, Member of Good Family and Wealthy.

Springfield, Ill., April 20.—Miss Leah Seiberling of Decatur and Norman Field of the Lillian Mortimer company were married at the county clerk's office at 3 p. m. today, Squire Connelly officiating.

The groom is a fine looking young man and is a good actor and stands well in the company with whom he is connected. His home is in Chicago and he is well connected and belongs to a wealthy family.

Miss Seiberling first met Field on a train between Decatur and Bloomington last August. After Field went to Decatur to appear with the company he became better acquainted and the couple corresponded daily ever since.

HE MUST SCHEDULE

Judge Cochran Refuses to Release William Parks.

An effort was made in the circuit court Monday to have William Parks, who is charged with gaming and keeping a gaming house released from custody. He has a fine of $100 and costs against him and is serving it out.

Attorney Fitzgerald presented the case. He said Parks' wife needed his help and that she had managed by a subscription paper to raise $15 which was all the money she could get together.

State's Attorney Redmon said that the man was not deserving and that he would gamble as soon as he got out of jail as he had been gambling with the prisoners.

Judge Cochran would not grant the request. He said that the law would not allow it and if the man was to get out he must schedule out under the pauper according to the law.

The case of Parker W. Thomas against William Riley, Sr., and others was taken up for trial. The plaintiff is suing for $20,000. The suit is the result of a feud between the two parties. Thomas claims to have been whipped several times by members of the Riley family and wants damages for the injuries he has received.

The appeal suit of Joseph Brady against R. Abrams has been filed in the circuit clerk's office by the defendant.

Deeds Recorded.

Gottfried Goralski to Jane Karsher, lots 9 and 20 in block 6 of Carver's addition to Decatur; $1,600.

Isabella Hammerly to Mary R. Carpenter, lot 1 in block 1 of Brigg's addition to V. Barber's resurvey; $225.

Arthur G. Keister to Edward A. Hauer, the undivided one-sixth interest in a part of the northwest quarter of 26, 17, 2 east; $2,000.

Hiram Johnson to Anna J. Dimock, quit claim to lot 6 in block 5 of Montgomery and Shull's second addition to Decatur; $600.

Annie Felton to George DeLong, lot 7 in block 1 in H. and F. A. Dickonson's subdivision of a part of lot B in the northeast quarter of 23, 16, 2 east; $200.

The Egg Market.

The condition of the country roads has made it possible for the farmers to deliver eggs at the country stations and made it easier for the hucksters to get about. The result has been that during the last few days there were heavier deliveries and Monday the price quoted was 12 cents per dozen. The poultry market is dull and there is little movement in fowls of any kind.

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Floor Rugs

Our display of Floor Rugs [large size] will be more complete than ever before, showing all the latest colorings and styles obtainable in Tapestry, Body, Wilton and Axminister.

Danshea Rugs

Last, but by no means least, we wish to emphasize the fact that the highest efficiency is guaranteed in every Danshea Rug. They are made in the latest high art and Oriental patterns, and are ecomomical and of great durability.

Linoleum

English Linoleum (Westminster) represents in quality the most durable floor covering known, and for artistic colorings and designs is equal to Velvet carpet. This particular quality (Westminster) is composed entirely of oxidized linseed oil and ground cork. Genuine Linoleum consists only of these ingredients; sawdust and fish oil dont make lineolums. (Get from us strong local references).

Mattings

In addition, we call attention to our own importation of China and Japan Matting, the most superb line ever shown in Decatur. This large and varied assortment comprises weaves and patterns entirely new to us here and which have never been shown in this country, except in San Francisco.

Lace Curtain Bargains



The old firm of S. S. Lesser & Co., of New York, manufacturers of lace curtains, closed out their jobbing department. We bought 380 pairs of Nottingham lace curtains, one-third off. There is not enough to go all around but while they last the prices will be lower than jobbers' prices.

36 pairs of fine Nottingham curtains, 3½ yards long, three styles, all white, at $1.00 a pair, worth $1.50.

60 pairs very fine Nottingham curtains, 3½ yards long, fish net meshes, at $1.58, worth $2.50.

84 pairs fine Nottingham curtains, 3½ yards long, sixty inches wide, beautiful Brussels net patterns, three styles in this lot, at $3.50 a pair, worth $6.00 a pair.

100 pairs, assorted styles, finest Nottinghams, Arabians, Irish Point and Brussels nets, worth from $6.00 up to $8.50 a pair, one price on the lot, $3.95 a pair.

Bed Room Curtains

A beautiful line of Fish Net and Muslin Curtains, trimmed with lace and ruffles, at 48c to $3.50 a pair.

Curtain Drapery by the yard, 5c up to 60c.

A nice line of real Scotch Madras by the yard, 25c to 90c.

A complete line of Shades, Poles and Fixtures.

Bradley Bros
Decatur Ill.

LATEST MARKET NEWS

FINLEY BARRELL LETTER.

Furnished by Tyler, Harney & Co., 114 East William Street Both Phones 352.

Chicago, April 20, 1903.—WHEAT—The wheat market has been strong—up at its best 5-8 to 3-4c for the active futures. The May has been most influenced by the continued absorption by Armour. The mood here was influenced by the sharp advance at St. Louis—its May up 1 3-4c. The Minneapolis mills announced they would reopen tomorrow. The seaboard reported 15 loads, St. Louis sold 100,000 bushels No. 2 red and there was a sale here of 100,000 bushels No. 1 Northern. Clearances 660,000 bushels. The visible decreased 2,893,000 bushels and the local stock decreased 121,000 bushels. The shipping situation was helped by a drop of 1-4c in the lake freight. World's shipments were 9,098,000 bushels. Russian shipments were large. There was a decrease on passage of 544,000 bushels. Cables were rather indifferent. Private cables however continued to tell of losses from the recent frosts in France.

CORN—The corn market has dragged although wheat has been strong and oats at times strong. There was reported some increase in offerings from Nebraska, and the weather was better for farm work. The best prices were at the opening. Fluctuations were light, and pit trade unimportant. Receipts were 80 cars, estimate 90 cars. The visible decreased 635,000 bushels and the local stock decreased 888,000 bushels. Clearances were 445,000. World's shipments 2,743,000. There was a decrease on passage of 344,000 bushels. There were very heavy local shipments, 1,281,000 bushels. The cash market was 1-4 to 1-2c higher. The demand was for the low grades from the driers.

OATS—Early there was an advance of 5-8 to 3-4c in oats on covering and there was also an early advance of 1-2c in the cash market. The futures lost most of their advance, and the cash market slipped off. May touched 35 3-4c early, July 31 3-4c. There was an idea that there was covering by Howe and others. On the swell there was considerable commission house trading on both sides. The visible decreased 200,000 bushels, local stocks 407,000 bushels, decreased 310,000 bushels. Clearances 11,000 bushels. Receipts 162 cars, estimate 210. Easing off late was on the better cars.

Range of Option.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
May	77⅛@⅞	78⅛	77⅜	78⅛
July	72⅛@⅛	72⅛@73	72⅛	72⅞
Sept.	68⅞@69	69⅛	68⅜	69⅛@⅛
CORN—				
April	43⅞	43⅞	43⅜	43⅜
May	44⅛@⅜	44⅜	44	44⅛
July	44⅜@⅝	44⅝@45	44⅛	44⅜
Sept.	43⅞@44	44	43⅜	43⅞
OATS—				
May	35⅛@⅜	35⅞	34⅞	35⅜
July	31 @31⅛	31⅜	31	31⅛
Sept.	28⅞	29⅛	28⅜	28⅝
PORK—				
May	$18.15	18.15	18.07	18.10
July	$17.65	17.65	17.57	17.60
LARD—				
July	$ 9.80	9.85	9.80	9.85
RIBS—				
July	$ 9.75	9.77	9.75	9.77

Chicago Cash Market.

Chicago, April 20—Wheat—No. 2 red, 78; No. 3 red, 68 to 75; No. 2 hard, 72 to 75; No. 3 hard, 68 to 72; April, 78. May opened, 77 1-2 to 77 7-8; highest, 78 1-2; lowest, 77 3-8; closing, 78 3-8 to 78 1-2.

Corn—No. 2, No. 2 white and No. 2 yellow, 44 to 44 1-4; No. 3, 42 to 42 1-2; No. 3 yellow, 42 to 43; April, 43 3-4. May opened, 44 3-8 to 44 1-2; highest, 44 1-2; lowest, 44; closing, 44 1-8.

Oats—No. 2, 33 to 33 1-2; No. 2 white, 36 to 37 1-2; No. 3 white, 35 to 36 1-2; No. 4 white, 32 to 34 1-2; standard, 36 to 37; April 35 1-8. May opened, 35 1-8 to 35 1-4; highest, 35 3-4; lowest, 34 7-8; closing, 35 1-8.

Receipts and Shipments.

	Receipts	Shipments
Flour	19,000	11,000
Wheat	84,000	7,000
Corn	39,000	1,281,000
Oats	149,000	166,000

Other Quotations.

Rye—May 50 to 50 1-2.
Barley—Cash 42 to 54.
Flax—$1.08 to $1.12.
Timothy—$3.70.
Clover—$12.00.

Produce and Poultry.

Chicago, Ill., April 20—Butter—Weak creameries 18 to 24. Dairies 15 to 22.

Eggs—Steady 14 1-4 to 14 1-2.

Poultry—Easier. Turkeys 12 to 13; Chickens 12 1-2 to 13.

New York, April 20—Butter—Steady. Creamery common to choice 18 to 24 1-2. Extra 25. Renovated 12 to 19.

Eggs—Strong. Western storage packed 15 3-4 to 16. Western firsts, 15 1-4.

Grain At St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo. April 20—Wheat—Cash 72 1-2; May same.

Corn—Cash 40 1-4; May 40 1-3 to 40 1-4.

Oats—Cash 33 1-2; May 33 3-4.

Wheat at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, April 20—Wheat—Cash 77 3-8; May, 75 3-8 to 75 1-2; July, 75 3-8; on track, No. 1 hard, 78 3-8; No. 1 northern, 77 3-8; No. 2 northern, 76 3-8.

Grain at Liverpool.

Liverpool, April 20—Wheat—Spot, quiet; No. 2 red western winter, 6s, 1 1-2d; No. 1 northern spring, firm, 6s.

Corn—Spot American mixed, new steady, 4s, 5d; American mixed old quiet, 5s, 3 1-2d.

New York Market.

New York, April 20—Wheat—Receipts, 236,000; exports, 112,000. Spot quiet; No. 2 red, 82 3-4 elevator; No. 2 red, 83 3-4 f. o. b. afloat. Options closed rather firm at 1-8 to 3-8 net advance. May, 81 3-4.

Corn—Receipts, 143,000; exports, 43,000. Spot dull; No. 2, 55 elevator and 52 1-2 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 52 1-2; No. 2 white, 53. Options closed 3-8 to 1-2 net lower. May, 53.

Oats—Receipts, 147,000. Spot easy; No. 2, 38; standard white, 40 1-2; No. 2 white, 40 1-2; track white, 38 to 45. Options firm and higher on rains and with wheat.

CATTLE DRAG.

Prices Weaken Under Continued Big Receipts.

Chicago, April 20—Cattle—After the last week's greatly excessive receipts today's supply was too large and dragged with weak to ten cents lower prices, firmness being mainly restricted to the better class of beef steers and butchering cattle.

Hogs—Receipts ran a good deal ahead of expectations, but after last week's meagre supplies the demand was brisk and prices averaged fully as high as last Saturday, although the opening was weak.

Sheep—A moderate run failed to strengthen the market in the least and on the contrary prices ruled weak to a dime lower. Within a week prices for sheep have receded fully 75c per hundred on an average from figures quoted a week ago, while lambs have suffered fully as severe a break, the general demand having fallen off in a marked degree.

The Prices.

Chicago, Ill April 20—Cattle—Receipt 25,000. Market steady to shade lower. Good to prime, $5.10 to $5.60. Poor to medium $4.25 to $5. Stockers $3 to $4.85. Cows $1.60 to $4.75. Texans, $4 to $5.10.

Hogs—Receipts 35,000. Market steady to shade lower. Mixed butchers, $7.05 to $7.50. Good to choice heavy, $7.35 to $7.52 1-2. Rough, heavy $7.10 to $7.35. Light $6.80 to $7.15. Bulk sales $7.10 to $7.30.

Sheep—Receipts 18,000. Market slow and lower. Sheep $4 to $5.75. Lambs, $4.50 to $6.80.

Live Stock at St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 20—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000. Market active. Beef steers, $3.50 to $5.50; stockers and feeders, $2.25 to $4.50; cows and heifers, $2.25 to $5; Texas steers, $3.45 to $4.65.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,000. Market five to ten cents lower. Range, $6.90 to $7.35.

STOCKS AND COTION

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Chicago, April 20—STOCKS—Todays transactions in the New York stock exchange were bullish from start until closing. The money market showed no signs of manipulation. The supply of call funds is headed toward Wall street and the bankers have been forced to prepare for more liberal loaning rates. The railways are returninfi both larger gross and net returns than anticipated by the authorities who have been making estimates for the spring months. Dunn shows good conditions among manufacturers of all kinds. Metal show signs of snap and excellent demand. Wall street bear crowd have been well disposed. The Waldorf crowd that have been operating on the bear side have given up their positions entirely. The bulls, bankers and investors have bought freely of late and this absorption has changed the market to the bull side for the spring, and summer. The closing prices give promises of higher prices on Tuesday. We should have a recation to buy on Wednesday. This stock market before the close of the market on the last day of January 1904 will sell higher than ever before in history.

COTTON—Cotton was a sale as per my Saturday's letter. It opened up and sold down. Cotton is big sale on any bulges for the big money. Sell it! Sell it!

Stock Quotations.

Am. Sugar	125⅛	126⅛	125	126⅛
Am. Copper	66	66⅛	64⅝	66⅛
Atchison	81⅝	82⅝	81	82⅛
B. & O.	92⅜	91⅛	93⅜	93⅛
B. R. T.	66⅛	67⅛	66	66⅜
St. Paul	161⅜	163⅛	161	162⅞
Erie, Com	33⅜	34⅛	33⅜	34⅛
Man.	139⅛	141⅜	139⅛	141⅛
Mo. Pac.	109	109⅝	107⅞	109⅝
So. Pacific	56⅛	57⅛	55⅝	56⅛
Un. Pacific	90⅛	91⅝	89⅞	91⅝
U. S. S. Com.	35⅜	35⅞	35⅛	35⅝
Reading	53⅛	54⅛	52⅜	53⅜
Penna.	135⅜	136⅜	135⅛	136⅜
Wabash pfd.	47⅜	47⅞	46⅜	47⅝
Rock Island	43⅜	43⅝	42⅞	43⅜
N. Y. Cen.	131⅜	132⅜	131⅛	132⅛
Illinois Cen.	137	137⅛	136⅜	137⅛

NEARBY TOWNS

Bement.

Dewey Hoke of Chicago is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. A. Long.

Bert Pryor has resigned his position as clerk for Body & Smith.

Dr. C. W. Harned of Iowa City visited his sister Miss Alta Harned last week.

L. W. Nichol of Wheaton, Ia., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Pettit the past week.

E. J. Foster visited friends in Bement Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Fisher and children left Wednesday for their new home in Carrolton, Mo.

Mrs. Anna Crook who has been at the hospital in Decatur for some time returned home Wednesday.

Wm. B. Allison returned Thursday from Urbana where he attended a meeting of the Bloomington Presbytery.

S. G. Vrooman is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Maggie Buchanan in Urbana.

Miss Lura Logan is assistant trimmer at Miss Alice Burnsides' millinery store.

St. Clair Vance returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Indianapolis.

Thos. and Miss Lydia Mullikin returned home from Lovington Thursday.

Miss Nora Pender of Pittsburg, Pa., and Will Worthington of Kentucky were united in marriage Thursday April 16, 1903 at the home of the bride's father, Rev. J. F. Pender in Pittsburg.

Miss Jennie Briton of Monticello visited Miss Cora McClure over Sunday.

The members of the rocking chair club and their husbands were entertained by Mrs. T. H. Slick and Mrs. M. C. Camp at the home of Mrs. Slick Wednesday evening. A three course dinner was served after which the evening was spent in music and games.

Mr. and Mrs. John McClure were in Decatur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hoffheins of Centralia are visiting relatives in Bement.

W. F. Hurtt was in Cerro Gordo Saturday.

St. Clair Vance left Tuesday for Kansas City, where he has accepted a position as book keeper in a music house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sprague visited friends in Decatur over Sunday.

The infant child of R. H. Booker died Sunday morning of scarlet fever.

Claude A. Dawson died Sunday morning at his home in Bement after a long illness of consumption.

At the school election in Bement Saturday the following were elected:

President—W. J. Day.

Members of the board—Homer E. Shaw, Daniel Hall, and E. A. Body.

Miss Gertrude Brallier was a Decatur visitor Saturday.

Mrs. C. A. Garrison is visiting relatives in Fort Wayne, Ind.

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Milmine.

Aaron Ater and daughters Stella and Nellie were Decatur visitors Friday.

William Gulliford was a Cerro Gordo visitor Thursday.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dobson is recovering from an attack of the measles.

Miss Bowdle and Sutton were Decatur visitors Saturday.

H. B. Banmann was a Tolono visitor Sunday.

William Gulliford transacted business in Bement Friday.

Claude Pearson received a message from Fairbury Monday morning announcing the death of his grand mother.

Mrs. Mary Stewart returned Tuesday from Guthrie, Oklahoma, where she has been spending the winter.

The children and grand children of Robison Dobson surprised him at the home of his son, Jonah, west of Milmine, Wednesday, it being his eighty-sixth birthday.

Rev. Ripley filled the pulpit at the Christian Church Sunday morning and evening.

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Taylorville.

Marriage Licenses.

J. J. Cavanaugh, Millersville 40
Lydia Watt, Rosemond 35
George Watt, Rosemond 30
Sarah Cox, Pana 26

Rev. Carl Bowers, pastor of several German Lutheran congregations in Christian county, will sail from New York on the 28th inst. for Buckeburg, Germany to visit his parents.

The Central Illinois ministerial association closed it two days' meeting Wednesday evening with an excellent program.

Frank Weaver, a miner in the employ of the Taylorville Coal Company was badly hurt by coal falling upon him. Both of his ankles were severely sprained, both feet were mashed and his back and spine injured.

The jury in the case of Mike McLean against the Wabash railroad for killing a trotting horse, gave a judgment for $1050 in favor of the plaintiff. McLean sued for $1500.

The fourth annual concert of the Taylorville public schools was held at the M. E. church Friday night under the direction of Miss Gertrude Kennedy.

Mrs. John B. Lawrence, aged 40 years died Thursday at her home two and one half miles east of Assumption.

J. Fred Jones, of Eureka, state secretary of the Christian church occupied the pulpit of the Taylorville Christian church Sunday.

The Central Illinois Medical Association will meet in Pana Tuesday.

Real Estate Transfers.

Geo. Pasfield to Chris. Wucherfenning part 80 acres of section 8, Ricks' township; $500.

M. G. Smith to Eliza J. Smith part of lot 19, Boyd's out lots of Palmer; $100.

Lee D. Hewitt to J. P. Mason lot 1 block 6 Hewitt's sub-division of Taylorville; $50.

C. M. DeCamp to C. A. Stokes, lots 4, 5 and 6 DeCamp's add Edinburg; $2090.

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With the Sick.

Miss Mattie Williams is seriously ill at her home on East William street.

Miss Nellie Giblin who has been very ill is improving.

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Stonington.

Miss Minnie Krieger is very ill with pneumonia

J. C. Holiday of Taylorville was here on business yesterday

P. S. Bulpitt will move his stock of furniture into the building now occupied by the First National bank.

Frank Salisbury and wife were called to Greenville, Ill., to attend the bedside of their son who is quite sick.

Miss Bertha DeWolfe will give a box social at her school east of town Saturday night.

Andrew Chapman has the brick on the ground for his new dwelling on Maple street.

Chas. Houser who for several months past has been assistant operator for the Wabash has accepted a position at Oakley, Ill. and Eugene Staples of Decatur is now assisting Agent H. F. Robertson.

Miss Emma Engle and Mrs. O. Z. Housley spent Wednesday and Thursday with friends in Taylorville.

Weldon.

Miss Fay McConkey from Champaign is visiting her sister, Mrs. Carl Swigart.

Mrs. Nelson has returned home from the Burnham hospital at Champaign

Perry Marsh and sister Miss Nannie were called to Palmer City by the death of their father, John Marsh.

Miss Edith Reed died at her home Wednesday morning at 7 00 o'clock of consumption.

Mrs Nichols and Mrs. Robinson returned to their homes in Paris, Ill., Monday.

Miss Fannie McNeh has returned home from Palmer City.

Mrs. Dr. Barr is quite ill at her home on the north side with rheumatism.

Mrs W. S. Shearer is entertaining her sister from Bloomington.

Worship Gray is visiting his son at Pana.

Geo Huffman has returned from his farm in Hamilton County.

Mrs. Homer Montgomery and children visited in Clinton a few days last week.

Wm. Perkins and H. E. Stillman Clinton visitors Wednesday.

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Laplace.

Measles are still raging.

Rain has thrown the farmers back in their spring work.

Wade Ownby spent Sunday in Monticello with his parents.

Mrs V. Hawthorne returned Monday from a five weeks visit with relatives in Louisiana.

Five pupils from the school here attended the final at Hammond Saturday A number were kept at home by measles.

Miss Smith and Mr. Beck of Decatur visited the family of Mrs. Lindsey over Sunday.

W H. Ownby made a business trip to Bement Wednesday.

The C. E society gave an egg rolling at the Christian church Saturday evening. About fourteen or fifteen dollars were cleared.

Mr and Mrs. Alva Davis were in Decatur Saturday and Sunday with the family of W. R. Gustin who has lately accepted a position with the Mueller Mfg. Co.

Mrs. Harry Eagan of Mt. Auburn came Saturday for a visit with relatives.

Otley Overstake spent Sunday in Hammond with the family of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

April 16.

Deeds Recorded.

S Granger Randolph to Irwin B. Donaugh lot 19 in block 2 in Montgomery & Shull's first addition to Decatur, $1750.

Frederick E. Schroeder to David C. Meyer, a tract in block 12 of the town of Warrensburg, $1.

W. Frank Godwin to David C. Myers all of the north half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 16, township 15, range 4 east; $1700.

H. H Wise to Sophia Ahrens lot 10 in block 3 of H. H Wise's second subdivision of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 15, township 16, range 2 east; $311.

A. L. Newlin to John W. Matheny lot 10 in block 5 of the original town of Maroa; $700.

D. L. Bunn to Mabel Groves et al, lot 9 in block 8 in Higgins' addition to Decatur; $675.

Josiah M. Clokey executor, to Christian Hawley a tract in Geddes place; $1000.

Close to Coal.

The shaft that is being sunk by the new coal company has now reached a depth of 525 feet. At the rate the men have been going it will not be long before they strike coal.

SCHOOL BOOKS AT LOW COST

Provisions of Bill Which the House Has Passed.

WILL SAVE THE PEOPLE MONEY,

Cost Reduced in Many Instances Fifty Per Cent.

A bill that will revolutionize the school book business in Illinois and drive out the so-called school book trust and will reduce the cost of books to the consumer to a very low minimum has passed the house and will receive more than respectful attention in the senate.

The bill is a copy of the Indiana law which such changes as are necessary to meet different conditions. It was introduced by Homer J. Tice of Menard county.

The bill provides a standard of books, a method of distributing them by contract and fixes the maximum at which they shall be sold. This maximum is very low and will result in a saving of many thousands dollars to the parents of this state whose children are in the public schools.

Applies to All Public Schools.

The bill applies to all free public schools of the state outside of Cook county and besides reducing the cost of education secures uniformity of books.

Creates a New Board.

A school book commission is created to be composed of five members, including the superintendent of public instruction, the president of the University of Illinois and three others to be named by the governor and confirmed by the senate. All but the two state officers on the board are to receive five hundred dollars per annum and all are to get their actual expenses incurred while attending to the duties of the commission.

Their term of office shall be five years. Regular meetings shall be held semi-annually and special meetings may be held as they are needed. The office of the commission shall be in the office of the superintendent of public instruction in Springfield.

Branches for Uniformity.

No one except the members of the commission shall be present at or cognizant of any of the proceedings of the commission during any time it is in session and no member shall give out information but after the meeting, all proceedings are to be made public. The commission shall select a uniform series of books for use in the public schools for the foregoing branches, spelling, reading, arithmetic, geography, English Grammar, physiology and hygiene, history of the United States, civil government, elements of algebra and physical geography, elements of neutral philosophy and a graded series of writing books.

The Standard Works.

The bill provides that all books adopted shall equal in contents, binding, material and mechanical execution the following works: McGuffey's new speller, McGuffey's readers, White's series of arithmetics, Rand & McNally's geographies, Reed and Kellogg grammars, Barnes' school histories, Steele's physiology, Thummel's civil government, Ray's algebra, Rand & McNally's physical geographies, Steele's fourteen weeks in philosophy, Bailey's mental arithmetic and the Eclectic writing books No book, however, shall contain anything of a partisan or sectarian character.

Shall Call For Bids.

The bill provides how the commission shall advertise for bids and what those wishing to bid and those who receive contracts must do. Innumerable safeguards are thrown about the state in this respect. Bids are to be received first from the publishers of text books to furnish books for the schools for a term of five years; secondly, bids will be received from authors who have manuscripts of books not published and the prices at which they will sell to the state together with the copyright; thirdly, from persons who are willing to undertake the compilation of books either the whole series of any part of it and the price at which they will do the work. All publishers making bids must accompany them with a fifty thousand dollar bond. Each bidder must present affidavits that he is in no wise, directly or indirectly, connected with any other publisher or firm who is bidding at the same time and that he has no pecuniary interest in any other firm or firms bidding for contracts. If any competent author shall offer any manuscripts to the state free of charge and it is of high excellence the board must not contract for the purchase of a work on that same subject.

The Maximum Cost Fixed.

No contract shall be entered into by the board for books at rates that will necessitate a cost to the people of more than the following schedule; Spelling book, 10 cents; first reader, 10 cents, second reader, 15 cents; third reader, 25 cents; fourth reader, 30 cents; fifth reader, 40 cents; mental arithmetic, 20 cents; intermediate arithmetic, 35 cents; complete arithmetic 45 cents; elementary geography, 30 cents; complete geography, 75 cents; elementary grammar, 25 cents; complete grammar, 40 cents, physiology and hygiene, 50 cents; history of the United States, 50 cents; elements of natural philosophy, 50 cents; civil government 40 cents; elementary algebra, 50 cents; physical geography, 80 cents; copy books, each 5 cents.

May Publish Its Own Books.

If the board after seeing the bids believe that the books can be furnished for less money to the people by procuring and publishing the manuscripts, they shall do so, advertising for proposals for the publication of such manuscripts. The state of Illinois shall not be liable for any sum whatever to any contractor, but the contractor must receive all his compensation from the proceeds of the sale of the books.

When the contract is let for the books, the governor shall issue his proclamation to that effect. Within thirty days after the proclamation every school board shall certify to its county superintendent the number of books required by the children for use in its district. The county superintendent shall make requisition on the superintendent of public instruction who shall in turn make requisition on the contractor. Within ninety days after receipt of the order, the contractor must ship the books giving the consignee due notice in advance. The books are to be delivered the the county superintendent. The bill provides the details of packing the books and all the minutest instructions as to the condition on arrivad are set forth. The school boards or trustees shall distribute the books in a manner fully detailed by the bill. The trustees shall then sell to the patrons of their schools the books and receive nothing but cash. Provision is made for the purchase by certain persons of these books from the county superintendent under certain exceptional conditions.

Reports on Sales.

Every three months the trustees or boards are to make report to the county superintendent of the sales, books on hand and return to him all proceeds of sales.

After the law is in force every superintendent must give a bond equal to $100 for each thousand inhabitants in his countq for the faithful discharge of his duties under this particular act. If any superintendent can not or fails to give bond his office shall become vacant at once. The county superintendent shall make report to the contractor within ten days after the receipt of the quarterly reports from the various school boards in his county.

Contractor May Sue.

In case the superintendent does not make remittances promptly and as directed in the bill the contractor will have right of action upon his bond. Any director who charges more for books than is fixed by the contract price shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten nor more than $100 and in addition may be imprisoned in the county jail for sixty days.

Revision of Books.

The bill provides that on the cover of the adopted books shall be printed the price and local school authorities are to see that all books purchased by pupils contain the price on the cover as directed by the law. The bill provides for revision of books. The commission may engage a competent person to make the revision and the contractor shall have six months in which to prepare the revised book for the market. County superintendents must have at least a year's notice that a revision of a book is to be placed in their hands for sale. The bill makes it the duty of those handling books to scale down their supplies and requisitions so that when the revision is ready they shall have on hand the minimum number of the old books.

After Five Years' Service.

After a book has been in use for five years the board may propose to the contractor a reduction in price in order that the book or a revision of it may remain in the schools for the next five years. A provision is made for the appointment of arbitrators who shall determine what reduction, if any, should be made on a book or a revision of it after five years of service. If the contractor shall accede to the verdict of this board the book shall remain for five years at the price fixed in the verdict. If the contractor refuses to accede the board may advertise for bids for the ensuing five years on that particular book or series of books. Nothing in the act shall be construed to prevent the board from exercising their discretion in deciding whether they shall order any of the books already in use under contract to be revised or whether, instead, they shall advertise for books to be adopted instead of the books already in use.

No revision shall be made except in geographies and histories oftener than every five years.

Every board of education or board of trustees may appoint one member who shall give bond and who may handle the books, charging not more than 12 per cent in addition to the contract price for his time and services. School boards and trustees may also place the books on sale with merchants but the requirements of the act remain binding upon the directors or boards and the prices are to be as they are fixed.

Triplets are Born.

For the first time in the history of Tuscola triplets were born to a family in this city. The event occurred early Friday morning and the offsprings were two boys and one girl. The girl was unable to stand this strenuous life and died soon after birth.

The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Day who reside in Pettyville. Mr. Day is a laborer on the Illinois Central section gang. Both boys weighed about four and one-half pounds each, while the girl tipped the scales one-half pound higher. The boys and mother are doing well and the youngsters present every appearance of being healthy and sturdy.—Tuscola Republican Journal.

GELONECK-REINHOLD.

Wedding Celebrated On North Lee Street Last Night.

A pretty home wedding occurred last evening when William Geloneck and Miss Anna Reinhold were married at the residence of the bride's parents, 543 North Lee street. The ceremony was performed at 7 o'clock by Rev. Heyne of St. Johanne's church. The friends who stood up with the young couple were Misses Maitha Boltz, Minnie Kaminiski and Bertha Rork and Messrs. Fred Jobski, Fred Nagel and William Hendrian. The bride was attired in a white dress trimmed with sprays of myrtle and wore a veil. She carried roses. Prof. R. Lorenz played a wedding march during the ceremony.

About sixty friends of the couple were present and after the wedding ceremony had been performed there followed an evening of merry making. An excellent wedding supper was served.



STIRRED BY SUPERSTITION

Thousands of Natives Rush to Get Glimpse of Loubet.

Oran, Algiers, April 17—President Loubet arrived here today from Algiers. Everywhere along the route natives gathered in crowds, owing to the Mussulman superstition that a sight of the white sultan, as the president is termed, brings happiness.

Loubet was met by detachments of troops and mounted Arabs, the bands playing the Marseillaise. He was warmly acclaimed by large crowds. The day was devoted to festivities, visits and banquets.

Will Solidify.

The Vanderbilt or New York Central railroad system is to be solidified, according to report, in the way of the Pensylvania system. The authority of general officers will in this way be extended. George H. Daniels, now general passenger agent of the Central, will be made general passenger agent of all the Eastern lines on the system, and so on with other experienced officers.

Boys Bound Over.

Edgar Baney and Arley Fisk, the two boys who were arrested for stealing metal are both in the county jail. They waived examination and each was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. The bond of each was placed at $500 and neither was able to furnish it.

Mrs. Sheridan Sells Residence.

Washington, April 17—The residence of the late General Philip H. Sheridan in this city, which was presented him by admirers throughout the country, has been sold by Mrs. Sheridan for $55,000.

An Oregon Hanging.

Engene, Oregon, April 17—Elliott Lyons, who on February 6, shot and killed Sheriff Withers while resisting arrest for horse stealing, was hanged today.

Little Babe Drohn fell Friday while she was playing and broke her arm. Babe seems to be rather unlucky at that for this is the third time that she has had it broken.

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He Was No Tom-Cat.

Jonathan Q. Larrabee meant "doing Yurrup pretty slick like," and when he landed at Liverpool he had got his list of towns worth visiting made right bang up to date. Liverpool didn't take much doing, and, according to list, Chester was the next place to go to.

Jonathan Q. was there up to time; but after dinner he found himself somewhat at a loss to pass the time before bedtime. He knew nothing of the famous falls and rows of the dear old city, and so he followed the usual rule, "when in doubt ask the waiter."

"Well, sir," said that worthy in reply, "seeing it's a fine night you can't do better than take a stroll on the walls."

"Look here," said Jonathan, a trifle rasped. "I'd hev you to know I ain't no 'prowlin' tom-cat! Durn your walls, anyway."

Freeze or Fry.

The editor of the Missouri Valley Times moralizes thus lugubriously: How few of us are really our own boss! The married men are subject to their wives, the bachelors obey their landlady, old maids cater to their cats and poodles, while all of us bow to that weak thing called public opinion. We come into this world without our consent, leave it against protest, and while here kick at everything that crosses our path, but all to no purpose. The old world goes on, not caring whether we live or die, laugh or cry, shout of sigh, not caring a farthing why, till we turn up our heels and die, and then maybe we freeze or fry.

Enormous Personal Injury Damages.

The annual report of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, just issued, shows that the enormous sum of $971,867 was paid during the year on claims for personal injuries, says the Railway Review. The legal and claim department expenses swelled this amount to $1,142,962—or nearly 10 per cent of the company's gross receipts. The report says: "A large part of these excessive payments is unjustly enacted. So low has the standard of professional ethics fallen, that today it is common to see attorneys, physicians, clients and witnesses leagued in a conspiracy to mulct railroad companies, manufacturers and merchants, each of the parties to the conspiracy having a contingent interest in the verdict and being tempted by the hope of success to exaggerate injuries, pervert facts and corrupt jurors. It used to be illegal, and has always been deemed improper, for an attorney to have a contingent interest in the result of his litigation, but it is not too much to say that not 50 per cent of the money which your company paid last year in damages through attorneys reached their clients."

Rome, April 17—The pope today received in private audience Mrs. Aries, Mrs. James Connor, Mrs. and Miss Anna Robinson and Peter Connor, all of Rock Island, Ill.

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RAG PICKER IN HOG.

Worked a Confidence Game and Made a Good Profit.

An old man who gave his name as Samuel Fisk was arrested yesterday for working a confidence game.

Fisk called at the residence at 418 East Eldorado street, saying that he had been commissioned to buy a lot of pipe and brass lying in the yard. A new bath room had been put in the house and in making the changes there was a lot of pipes and fixtures that were of a value to the plumber and it was his intention to take them to his shop. Fisk told Mrs. Kinney who lived there that the owner of the house had sold him the stuff and he was to pay for it what he thought it was worth. After sizing up the outfit Fisk said that it was worth $1.40 and gave that amount to Mrs. Kinney. A few moments later the plumber came to carry the supplies back to the shop and learned that the junk man had been there. The property, valued at $10, was recovered and the old man was locked up.

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Probable Next Dept. Commander G. A. R.



Some weeks ago Sherman Post No. 46 of the G. A. R. started a movement in Bloomington to elect Hon. Benson Wood as department commander of the Illinois Grand Army of the Republic. His name has been favorably received everywhere His home post, Yates, No. 88, has sent out a circular on the subject part of which is as follows, it being signed by George W Seitz, commander and Joseph L Bachman, adjutant

"Comrades of Illinois —At the earnest solicitation of many of the most active and influential Grand Army men in all parts of the state, and in conformity with resolutions adopted by a number of neighboring posts the members of Yates Post, No. 88, G. A. R, present for your consideration the name of our beloved comrade and past commander, Cept. Benson Wood, for department commander, and solicit your support for him at the thirty-seventh annual encampment to be held at East St. Louis May 5, 6, and 7, 1903, and assure you that the high honor can not be bestowed more worthily, nor the affairs of the department placed in abler hands or with one who can or will devote more time and talent to the proper management of the same.

"Comrade Wood has never sought preferment at the hands of the Grand Army, and it was only after repeated solicitations from different parts of the state that he reluctantly consented to the use of his name in this connection. He is so well and favorably known throughout the jurisdiction that a further introduction from us is unnecessary. He is never happier nor more at home than when mingling with the boys who wore the blue and now wear the button, and we venture the assertion that as department commander he will visit more posts and attend more reunions and camp fires than any man who has ever held that office or who could be elected at this time

Post commanders receiving a copy of this circular are requested to bring the same before the first meeting thereafter for such action as they may deem proper. Leading newspapers throughout the state have made most favorable mention of the candidacy of Comrade Wood, indicating that his election will meet with popular acclaim

Mr Wood is a native of Pennsylvania. He was a young school teacher in northern Illinois when Lincoln called for troops to sustain and preserve the life of the nation He promptly resigned his school and went to the front as captain of Company C, Thirty-fourth Illinois. Afterwards he took up the study of law, and for more than thirty years has been a successful attorney. He was a member of the Illinois legislature when Senator Cullom was speaker of the house He was afterwards mayor of the city of Effingham, and in 1894 was elected a member of the Fifty-fourth congress by a large majority in a district that for eighty years had always gone overwhelmingly democratic He was a member of the house committee on pensions in that body, where he did excellent service for the cause of his comrades, and made for himself the unusual enviable record of never missing a roll call during the entire two sessions for which he was elected, which aptly illustrates his devotion to duty in everything he undertakes and the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic will receive the same painstaking care and consideration when placed in his hands, as we feel confident they will be

Mr Wood has never sought office of any kind, and is not now seeking this position, it is a clear case of the office seeking the man, because of his peculiar fitness for the place and his friends are quite confident of his triumphant election He is unquestionably of that caliber, and but for his natural aversion to office seeking or self-aggrandisement might have been governor of Illinois long ago He was elected president of the Illinois Bar Association in 1900, and is now serving as one of the trustees of the Illinois Soldiers' Orphans' Home, located at Normal, a labor of love in which he takes great delight, caring for the department descendants of his late comrades in arms

MASONIC APRON

Worn by George Washington Is Written by R. T. Spencer.

[...]VING INCIDENTS AND DATES.

Claims of Leroy, Jacksonville And Other Towns Are Disputed.

Every few months an item is telegraphed to the city papers from some village that George Washington's Masonic apron is owned in that town R. T. Spencer, writing in the Chicago Record-Herald recently gave the following history of the real Washington apron.

"On Jan. 31, 1780, the grand lodge of Pennsylvania passed a resolution to the effect that a general grand master of Masons of the United States ought to be elected and unanimously nominated George Washington for that office. Circular letters were sent to all the other grand lodges of the country, but nothing further was done about the matter. During the war a mercantile house was established at the suggestion of Benjamin Franklin at Nantes, France, to receive the consignments of the American vessels, that were forunate enough to escape the British cruisers and dispose of their cargoes, at the same time shipping to this country French goods and munitions of war.

Washington's Reply.

The firm was known as Watson & Coussol. The proprietors, who were [...], sent Washington a Masonic apron, jewel, collar and scarf, which they had had embroidered by the nuns of a Roman Catholic convent, accompanied by a letter, to which the recipient wrote the following reply:

"STATE OF NEW YORK, Aug. 10, [...] GENTLEMEN.—The Masonic [...] which accompanied your [...] address of the 23rd of January [...] elegant in themselves, [...] valuable by the flattering sentiments and affectionate manner in which they were presented If my endeavors to arrest the evil with which the country was threatened by a deliberate plan of tyranny should be crowned with the success that is wished—the praise is due to the Great Architect of the Universe, who did not see fit to suffer his superstructure of justice to be subjected to the ambitions of the princes of this world, or to the rod of oppression in the hands of any persons upon earth For your affectionate vows permit me to be grateful—and offer mine for true brethren, in all parts of the world, and to assure you of which I am, yours,

GEO. WASHINGTON.

Messrs. Watson & Coussol, East of Nantes.

"The apron to which this letter alludes, which is generally called the Washington apron, has embroidered upon it in gold and silver thread a square and compasses and other Masonic emblems, together with the American and French flags.

History of the Apron.

"This apron was worn by Washington, while acting as the grand master pro tempore of Maryland, when he laid the corner stone of the capitol at Washington City with Masonic ceremonies on September 18, 1793 It and the scarf were presented to Alexandria Washington Lodge. No. 22, on June 3, 1812, by Washington's executors. They also gave the lodge the box in which the Lafayette apron came from France, which has upon its top a mark master's emblem.

"In August, 1784, General Lafayette visited Washington at Mount Vernon, and while there presented him with a Masonic apron, which had been made for him by Mme. Lafayette. It was never out of his personal possession. On October 26, 1816, it was given by his legatees to the Washington Benevolent Society of Philadelphia and when it was dissolved in May, 1829, the apron became the property of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania. It is carefully preserved in the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia. Numerous emblems are embroidered upon it in silk, the mystic letters of the master's degree being upon the upper part.

"George Washington Parke Curtis, the adopted son of Washington, in speaking of the laying of the corner stone of the capitol, of which he was an eyewitness, said "General Washington certainly wore the veritable apron now in possession of Alexandria Washington Lodge No 22 and such other insignia as was suited to his exalted rank as a Mason. This apron was given to the lodge No 22 by the executors of Washington, of whom I am the sole survivor."

"On July 4, 1851, Benjamin B. French, grand master of the District of Columbia, officiated at the laying of the corner stone of the extension of the capitol at Washington Alexandria Washington Lodge No 22 attended the ceremonies and took with them the Washington apron, which they requested Grand Master French to wear He did so and Mr Curtis then an aged man, was present and recognized the apron at once as the one worn by Washington Sept 18, 1793, and presented by him (Mr Curtis) to Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, in whose possession it now remains.

Aprons Not Authentic.

'The writer is thus particular in speaking of this apron and of the one belonging to the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, because there are numerous Masonic aprons in this country that are claimed by their owners to be the original Lafayette-Washington apron One of these belongs to Leroy Lodge, No. 221, at Leroy, Ill, and was recently described in a Chicago paper as the authentic apron made by Mme Lafayette and presented by her husband to Washington, who gave it to Oliver Walcott, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, from whose heirs the lodge obtained possession. The article gave the age of this apron as 155 years, which would make the date of its manufacture 1747. As Lafayette was not born until 1757, or ten years after the time the apron was made, it is doubtful it was made by his direction by his wife, (who was not born until 1759), to be presented to Washington, then a boy 15 years of age. Another Masonic apron belongs to Henry J. Hall of Jacksonville, Ill., said to have been made by Mme. Lafayette and given to Washington, and there are others, but, with all due respect to their owners, they are mistaken as to the history of their aprons."

CHEESE SUBSTITUTED FOR MEAT

It is Valuable As Food When Properly Prepared.

Cheese is a splendid substitute for meat.

Cheese Fondu.

The true orthodox fondu is found in Switzerland and is made as follows: Allow an egg for each person; add a third of their weight in grated cheese and half their weight in butter. Some deem it an advantage to leave out some of the whites. Beat the eggs without separating and add the cheese and butter and season with salt and pepper. Cook until it thickens and pour it into a deep dish. A little parsley may be added.

Cheese Soup.

Take one and one-half cups of flour, one pint of rich milk or cream, four tablespoonfuls of grated Parmesan cheese and four of butter, two eggs, three quarts of clear soup stock or broth and cayenne to taste. Rub the butter and flour together to a paste, add the cheese and milk or cream and seasoning, set over hot water and stir until all is mixed to a smooth paste break in the two eggs, mix quickly and thoroughly and cook two minutes longer, then set aside to cool. When cold roll into balls about as large as walnuts. Drop these in boiling water and cook gently about five minutes put them into a soup tureen and pour the boiling hot stock over them. Serve with finely grated Parmesan cheese in separate dish.

Cheese Canapes.

Cut some slices of bread quarter of an inch thick, trim off the crusts and then cut the slices into strips one inch wide and three inches long. Fry them quickly in deep hot fat until they are a delicate brown, while hot sprinkle them with a little grated cheese, cayenne pepper and salt. Put them in the oven and serve as soon as the cheese is melted. Garnish with finely chopped parsley or shred a fillet of anchovy and decorate the top of canapes with the strips

Cheese Pudding.

Take one cupful of fine chopped cheese, one cup of bread crumbs, one cup of milk, one egg, one level tablespoonful of butter, half a teaspoonful of salt and dry mustard mixed, and a dash of cayenne. Arrange the cheese and bread crumbs in a baking dish in alternate layers. Beat the egg and add to the milk with seasoning and pour over these; dot the butter over the top. Let the dish stand a few minutes to soften the bread, then put in a good oven and bake fifteen minutes until the top is firm like a custard. Serve hot.

Baked Cheese Omelet.

Cut some strops of good rich cheese about a quarter of an inch thick; arrange then around the side of a buttered baking dish and cover the bottom of the dish with sifted browned bread crumbs, place thin slices of cheese over this and then four eggs, taking care not to break the latter; dust with salt and pepper; then add another layer of grated cheese and cover with the browned breadcrumbs. Place a few lumps of butter on top and place the dish in the oven until the eggs are quite firm, but not hard; serve as hot as possible.

"Strohl" Cheese.

Put six ounces of butter, six ounces of flour, six ounces of grated Parmesan cheese and a dash of cayenne in a bowl and rub together until smooth, then add the yolks of three eggs and a tabespoonful of good cream and work all well together. Roll this paste out very thin, cut into strips about five inches long, place on a baking sheet or tin and bake in a quick oven until light and dry. Place on a folded napkin and serve.

Cheese Puffs.

Put two tablespoonfuls of butter and a cup of water in a sauce pan over the fire Mix four tablespoonful of flour and four of grated cheese, half a teaspoonful of salt and pinch of cayenne together and when the water boils stir in this mixture, stirring rapidly all the time Cook three minutes and then remove from the fire to cool. When cold add two eggs, one at a time and unbeaten. Beat the batter vigorously for five minutes. Drop by teaspoonfuls into a buttered baking pan leaving considerable space between each puff as they increase considerably in bulk. Bake in a moderately hot oven from twenty to twenty-five minutes Serve hot.

Auk Eggs Come High.

Recently at an auction sale in London which was judiciously advertised, an egg of the great auk was put up which after some lively bidding was knocked down for $1 260: That is said to be a very a good price But auk eggs have been sold in London for as much as $1 500. The reason for these enormous prices is naturally to be found in the scarcity of the eggs The bird is extinct, and not over seventy of its eggs are in existence.

Woes of the Postmaster.

Congressman Cannon was sympathizing with the woes of postmasters.

"Listen to what a postmaster from my district out near Danville went through the other day," he said. "An Irishman came to this man and asked if there was a letter for him.

"'There is,' says the postmaster, 'and it's a big, fat letter too. There's 11 cents due on it.'

"'Well,' says the Irishman, 'just open it and read it to me, will you? My education was neglected in my youth'

"The letter was twenty pages long, but the postmaster read it all through out loud.

"'Just read it again,' says the Irishman, when he ended, and the postmaster did so.

"Then the Irishman scratched his head and said. 'How much is due on her?'

"'Eleven cents'

"'Well, keep her, she's none of mine' said the Irishman. She don't belong to me' And he walked off."

STATE SUPERINTENDENTS

Some of the Things Considered at Springfield Meeting.

County Superintendent A. A. Jones was in Springfield last week attending the conference of county superintendents of the state. The main question discussed was the best methods of improving the institutes.

Another matter which is now attracting the attention of the superintendents is a bill which is before the legislature and which the superintendents want to defeat The bill provides that each county pay its own superintendent instead of the salary of each superintendent coming out of the state school fund as it does now.

The superintendents think that in many counties there are now too many school expenses and if the salary must also come from the treasury of the county the taxes in each county will be increased.

FIRE IN THE COUNTRY.

House on E. S. McDonald Place Destroyed by Fire.

The house on the farm of E. S McDoanld at Coulter's mill, east of the city, was entirely destroyed by fire Saturday. The house was valued at about $2,000 and was covered with $1,000 insurance.

Charles Landreth, the tenant, lost all of his household goods and had absolutely no insurance. The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. Landreth was not at home at the time and his wife and children assisted by some of the Coulter family attempted to save the contents of the house, but were unable to remove anything but a few articles of furniture.

Know they Cried.

In the Review of the 14th inst, we noticed where Moweaqua cried on account of a statement in your paper that the Pierson ball team beat in a game of ball last season. Now we know they beat us in the game played on the 29th of July and we are satisfied with the game and do not know how it happened to be reported that we won the game. But as for us we have been unable to get a game in return, although we have tried time and again. Now Moweaqua has a nice set of dear, hinky dinky, ball players and all we have charged against them is a return game.

Pierson Baseball Club.

Some Recollections of Venezuela.

Blum, Nolting & Co., a wealthy German firm, had a contract for the conveyance of the foreign mails, which they undertook to handle for the amount received for postage, then very high. But they would not trust the government to collect it, so when you wanted stamps you had to buy them at Blum, Nolting & Co's. office. An amusing instance of the republic's impecuniosity and duplicity occurred while I was on my travels in the West Indies. Having occasion to go from La Guayra to Trinidad, I took passage by the Regus Ferreos, a steamer sailing under the British flag, and nominally subsidized by the Venezuelan government for conveying the mails between the capital and Ciudad Bolivar and intermediate ports, including Port of Spain. I say "nominally subsidized," because the government never kept its part of the bargain. The skipper or owner got naught for his pains but an occasional payment on account. He lived in hope, but, I fear, eventually died of disappointment. In consideration of the promised subsidy he had to give free passages, including board, to government employes furnished with the necessary credentials, and these functionaries sometimes formed a majority of the passengers. At the appointed time I went on board the Regus Ferreos, an old iron steamer very much given to breaking down, and the anchor was presently weighed. Though the engines worked and the shaft revolved the ship went astern instead of going ahead. It was drifting shoreward, when the anchor was let go and an investigation made The screw had become loose, and as there were no means of making the defect good at La Guayra, Treveranos, the skipper, applied to the authorities for a man-of-war to tow us to Port of Spain. The request was granted, and the Toro, a wooden side-wheel steamer, carrying four guns on her upper deck, was placed at our captain's disposal. She was commanded by an officer who brought with him a crowd of officers attired in gorgeous uniforms with gold lace and gilt buttons.

But at the very outset a serious difficulty arose. The officer in command protested that neither he nor his subordinates had received a peseta of pay for months, and unless the captain gave them something handsome on account there and then they would go no further. Treveranos, having no alternative, gave them as much as induced them to proceed, though not all they demanded. But we had not proceeded five knots when the tow-rope broke. For the rest of the day and part of the night it kept breaking every hour, and the swearing that ensued in Spanish and English was appalling. At last the rope was so spliced and strengthened that by putting the Toro on her slowest speed—which is saying a good deal—we made shift to go on without further trouble, There was little to do on the Regus Ferreos but eat, drink. sleep and and we smoked a good deal. The skipper had always a cigar between his lips.

"You see that man?" he said to me one day, pointing to a passenger. On my answering in the affirmative he added, "That man is probably the happiest man on board. The government is in his debt, and after kicking his heels about at Caracas for six months he has got an order on the administrator of the custom house at Carupano for 10,000 pesetas. But he won't get 'em, poor devil. You see that other man, him with the fat fac and the waxed mustache, one of the beggars I have to carry and feed for nothing? Well, he is going to Carupano with countermand instructions for the administrator not to honor the order, but to send all the money he can scrape together to Caracas instead."—William Westall in London Post.

RETURN TO DECATUR.

William J. Armstrong and Bride Arrived on Saturday.

William J. Armstrong and his bride, who were married in Milwaukee, have arrived in the city and are at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Armstrong, on Prairie avenue. The bride is a ninece of ex-Congressman Durborrow of Chicago, who is now contesting the election of Congressman Lorimer.

PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF THE BLIND CHAPLAIN,

BY OWEN SCOTT.

The announcement of the death of Rev. Dr. W. H. Milburn calls to my mind many incidents and scenes which may be of some interest to others. Dr. Milburn was a most remarkable man in many ways. For about

Sixty Years He Was Blind

as a stone. He once said to me "I have preached for over 50 years and have never seen one person to whom I have spoken." An accident when he was seven years old destroyed the sight of one eye and seriously injured that of the other. He

Had a Passion For Learning

and pursued his studies in school and college under great difficulties, but was an apt scholar and made rapid and substantial progress. When his school work was finished his eyesight was entirely gone For more than a half century he was shut in from the light of heaven. His great soul turned in upon itself and drank in the deeper glories and beauties of a royal manhood Equipped with a wonderfully deep, musical and resonant voice the blind preacher

Could Thrill an Audience

as few men could. When Dr Milburn was about 40 years old his health was very poor and it was feared he could not long survive. His spirit was undaunted. He wanted to live He took up a system of living which brought him again into robust health. He lived in the fresh air. No night was ever too cold to prevent an open window in his bedroom. He learned the art of massage and practiced it on himself for many years. He scarcely ever wore his hat even when out of doors. He could be seen walking along the street with his broad brimmed slouch hat in his hand. Often he said he heard passers by say "See that old fool with his hat off"

One of the peculiar characteristics of Dr. Milburn was

His Cheerfulness and Enjoyment of Life

Always abounding in bright and clean stores he never was so happy as when he was entertaining a company of friends As a story teller he had few equals On one occasion the writer entertained Dr. Milburn in his home. At the table he held full sway He was so charming that all the service of the table was by signs as each one of the company wanted to hear every word that he said. During this same visit Dr Milburn needed to take an early morning train to make his next lecture engagament. As

He Traveled Alone

I went with him to the station. At his destination he was met by some friend previously arranged for by him While it was yet dark in an early winter morning I went into his room, found him dressing and without thinking I involuntarily said "Wait Doctor till I make a light." He laughed heartily and said "My dear brother you can't make a light for me." I realized then what it meant to be blind The first thing he did on entering his room was to feel where the doors, windows, furniture etc., were located. He then needed no further assistance. He rarely even lost the points of the compass. In driving he noted every turn and could almost in variably tell whether he was going north, east, west or south. Dr. Milburn was

An Inveterate Smoker.

Some people have said that when men become blind they lose the desire to smoke. Not so with the blind preacher. He smoked all the time when not speaking or sleeping. He had a half-dozen Meerschaum pipes and kept them all constantly in commission He had a pipe bag and plenty of tobacco. When one pipe was unloaded he took the next one in its order so as to have constantly a cool pipe. But he never quit smoking except to eat, sleep or speak. In traveling he was always found in the smoking room full of good cheer and smoke and stories.

He came to lecture at Bloomington. His subject was

"What a Blind Man Saw in Paris."

His descriptions were so vivid, his portraiture so real that it amounted almost to the miraculous Many persons who had been in Paris and were familiar with the scenes described bore testimony that a finer, nor more accurate description could be given. Dr. Milburn's

Voice was a Revelation.

His language was classic Each word and sentence was as though it had been chiseled out of pure marble by an old master.

He, therefore, chained his audiences with the magic of his eloquence. Whether in sermon or lecture he delivered his message with such sweet and persuasive power that every hearer felt the charm of a pure and holy life around him when the speaker had gone

Perhaps

His Greatest Fame

rested upon his service as chaplain of the two houses of congress When a young man he ministered to the house for a number of years. Then after a considerable interval he was again the spiritual adviser of the law makers of the lower house. There was great permanency in the senate as the term was continuous. Some where in the '90's Dr Milburn became chaplain of the U. S senate and remained so until his death a few days ago. There may be those who think that the houses of Congress, especially the representatives, are not mindful of sacred things and do not reverently attend to their daily devotions. This is a great mistake. At precisely 12 o'clock each day the speaker's gavel falls and

Every Head Is Bowed

and absolute silence prevails during the invocation of the divine spirit over impending legislation Dr. Milburn's prayer was never over two minutes in length and every word and syllable was heard and charmed the ear of every intelligent creature within its range.

One of the things worth going to the capitol to hear was

The Lord's Prayer

as Dr. Milburn gave it. With all the fervency of deep devotion these simple words were repeated with such intensity and power as to make each repetition a new revelation of its deep and comprehensive meaning. When any prominent man died or was critically ill Dr. Milburn's prayer on the day following was full of pathos and earnest sympathy.

I esteem it one of the chief priviliges of my brief service in congress to have had Dr. Milburn as the chaplain. He was

A Generous Soul.

No clergyman ever missed the coveted opportunity to open the house with prayer if the blind chaplain knew he was present

Invites a Jewish Rabbi.

On one occasion Rabbi Calisch called on me at the capitol before the opening of the session. I had known the Jewish rabbi while he was at Peoria. He was now at Richmond, Va. I asked the Jewish teacher if he would like to make the opening prayer. He said it would be the delight of his life to have an opportunity to make the opening prayer in the national house of representatives. After an introduction to Chaplain Milburn a very cordial invitation was extended to Rabbi Calisch to invoke the blessings of Jehovah on the law makers of the American republic. Dr. Milburn was a

Familiar Figure in Washington.

He went about on the arm of his daughter who devoted her life to him. Dr Milburn

Was a Mason.

While I was grand master I asked the grand old man to act as chaplain of the grand lodge in Chicago. Having his membership in Alabama it took a little time before it could be changed to the lodge in Jacksonville, Ill, where he always maintained his legal residence. In the meantime I invited Past Grand Master

J. R. Gorin of Decatur

to act as grand chaplain until Dr Milburn could become eligible. Mr. Gorin and Dr. Milburn were life long friends. It was all arranged and the grand lodge received an uplift from the words and spirit of this choice one of earth.

The silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken and the

Gentle Spirit Has Gone

to God who gave it. The pall of darkness has been removed and the spirit of William H Milburn basks in the eternal light of the paradise of God. True it may be said that courage and cheer should come into the lives of those who think they have hardships, when they consider the beautiful and joyous life of one who was in absolute blindness for over a half century.

NEW CRUISER IS LAUNCHED

West Virginia Steps Into the Water at the Newport News Yard.

MISS WHITE ACTS AS SPONSER.

Newport News, April 18—The new cruiser, West Virginia, was launched this afternoon, MissCatherineVaughan, eldest daughter of Governor White of West Virginia, acting as sponser.

The West Virginia, which is a sister ship to the California and Pennsylvania, is an armored cruiser of 14,000 tons' displacement Her hull is of steel, 502 feet long, 69 1-2 feet beam, horsepower of 23 000 indicated to produce a speed of 22 knots. Her complement is 40 officers and 383 seamen and marines. Her battery consists of four 8-inch breech loading rifles, fourteen 6-inch rapid fire guns, eighteen 3-inch twelve-pounders, four 1-pounder automatic, four 1-pounder rapid fire, six Colts' automatic, two machines and two 3-inch field guns.

Newport News, April 18—A street pageant in which military companies from several Virginia cities and an artillery detachment from Fort Monroe and the officers, marines and sailors of the German cruiser Gazelle, participated, preceeded the launching.

A pleasant incident of the day was the exchange of courtesies between the United States naval afficers and the officers and men of the German warship.

NEW HOUSES.

Plans for a Number of Handsome Improvements.

Architect R. O. Rosen has drawn plans for several new houses. Ned Freeman will build a new house in the 1500 block on North Water street It will be an eight room modern house and will cost about $2,500.

C. E. Ward will build a ten room house on West Decatur street to cost about $4,000.

C. O. Young has had plans drawn for his new resindence on West Main street, just west of Dr. Jones' residence The house will have ten rooms besides closets and bath rooms and will be modern in every respect. It will cost about $6,500.

Getting In Shape.

The Corn Oil mill is gradually increasing its output and at this time is grinding about a car load of finished goods each day. The plan is to gradually increase the work given the machinery until the finished product amounts to ten car loads each day.

Rev. O'Connell Installed.

Washington, April 18.—The installation of the Right Rev. Monsignor Denis J. O'Connell, D D, as rector of the Catholic University of America, will occur next Wednesday at the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the University.

Capitalist Dies.

Burlinton, April 18.—Charles P. Squires, a retired capitalist of Burlington died today of heart disease in a car on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad at Albia, Ia.

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